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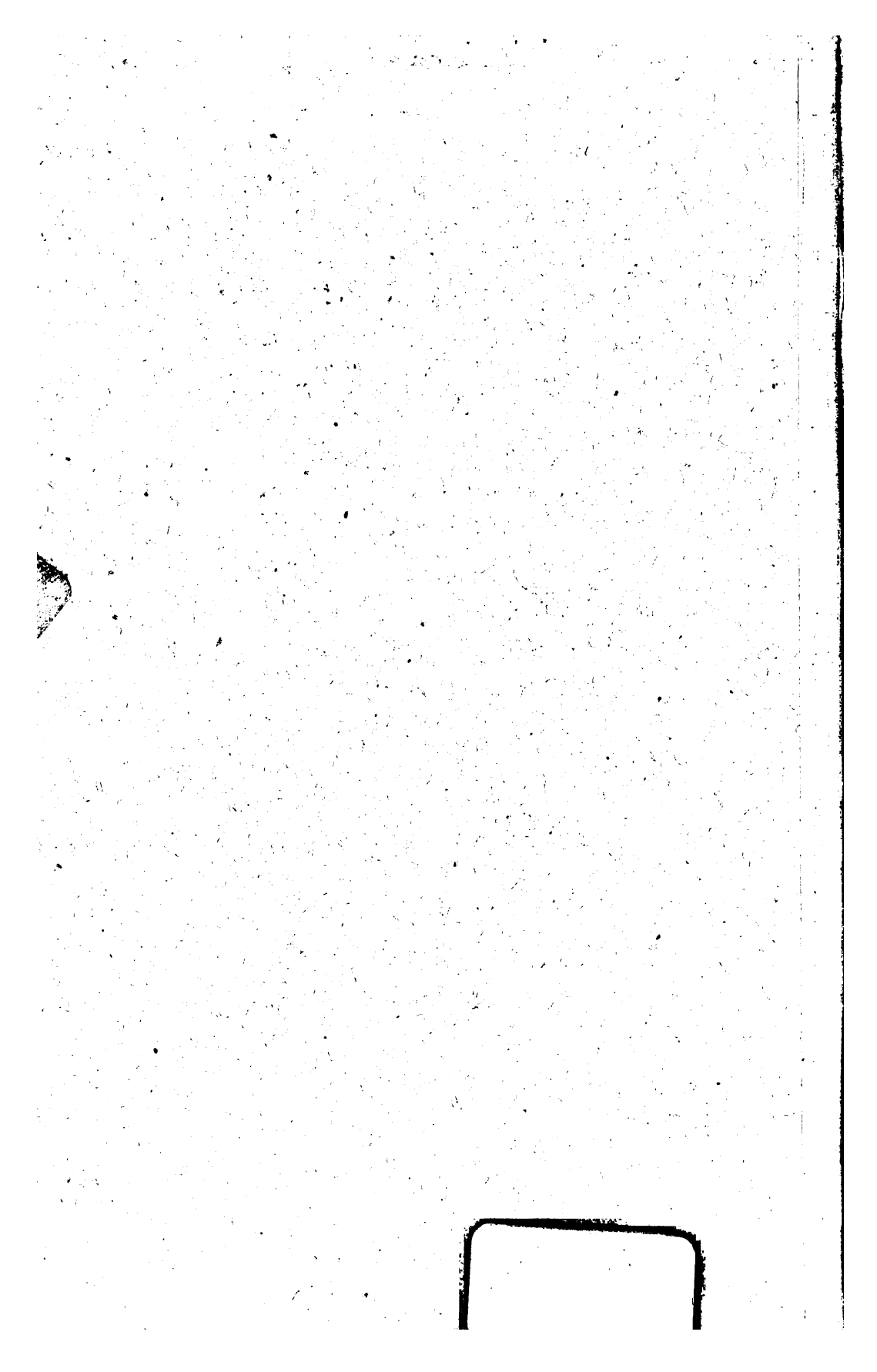
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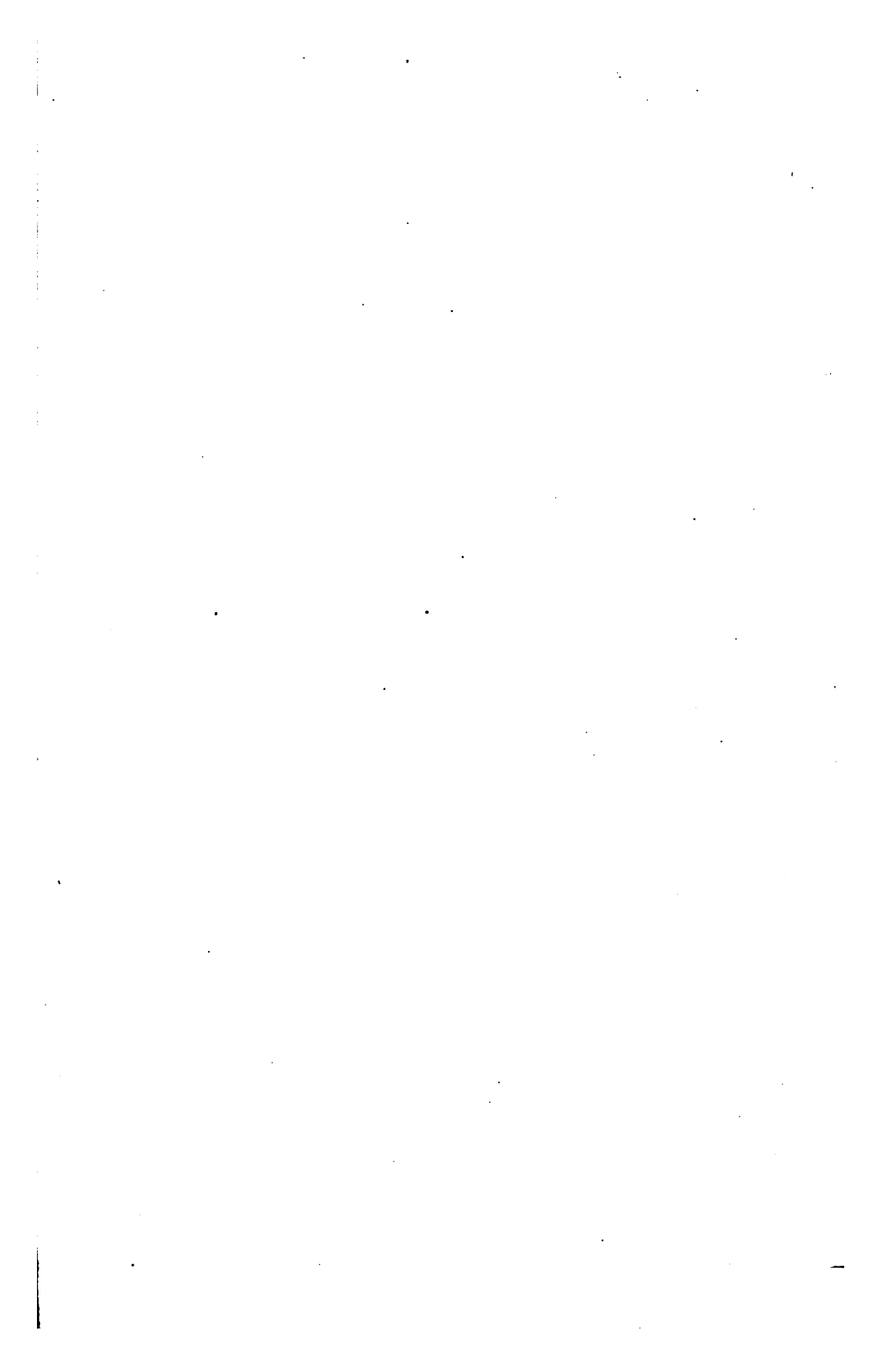
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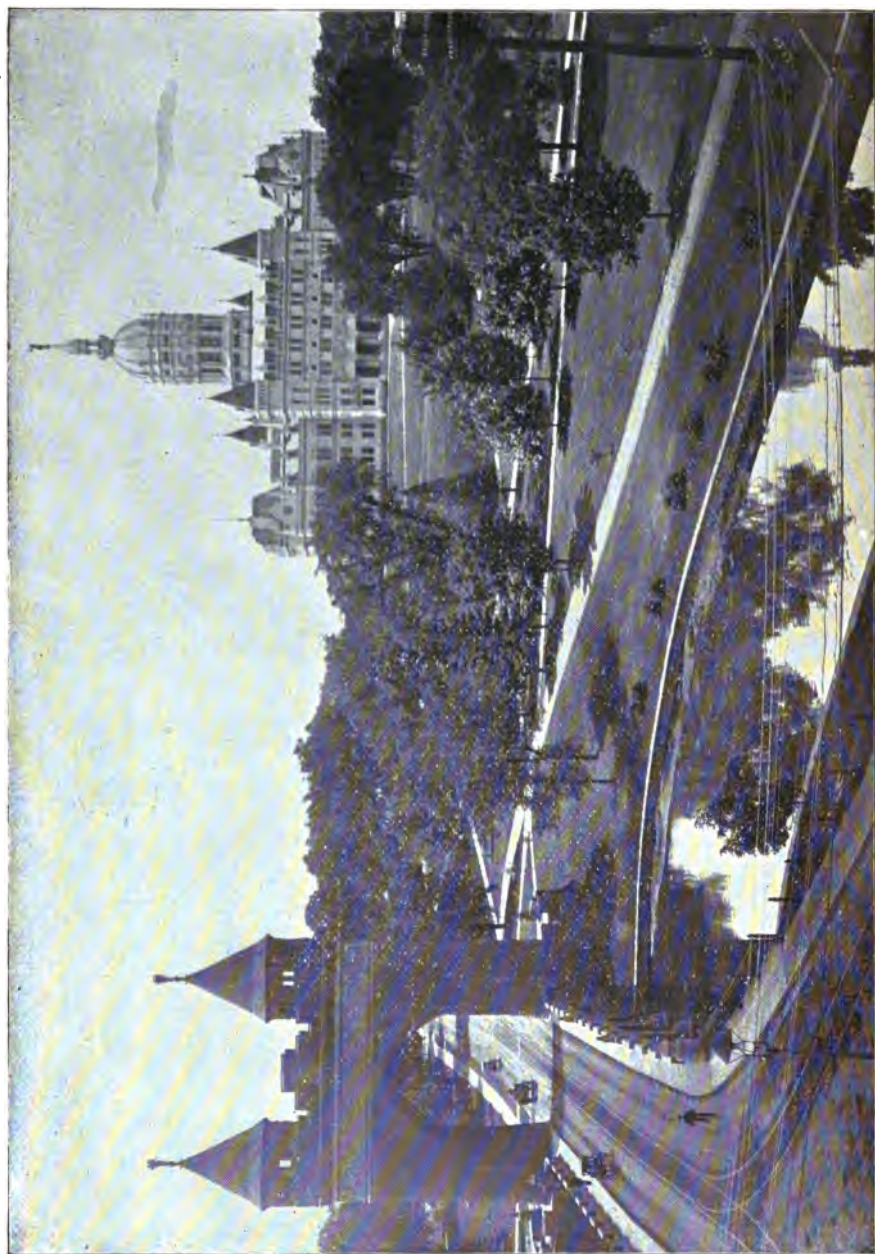


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VIEW IN BUSHNELL PARK, LOOKING SOUTHWEST.

From photo. by Stuart, 1894.

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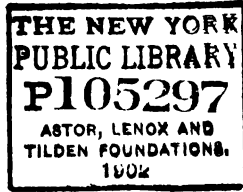


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JOSEPH HALL, until 1894.

FRANCIS GOODWIN, until 1895.

SHERMAN W. ADAMS, until 1896.

GURDON W. RUSSELL, until 1897.

7. - SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *President and Secretary.*

HERMAN T. HULL, *Foreman.*

NOTE. — This is the first appearance of any Annual Report of this department, in pamphlet form. Beginning with 1861, its reports have been printed in the Municipal Register, or Year-Book, only, ever since. Among the signers of that First Report was our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Gurdon W. Russell, M.D., who is still a member of the Board.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF HARTFORD,

March 31, 1893.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council:

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submits its Thirty-third Annual Report :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year (March 12, 1892),	\$5 76
“ received for use of band-stand,	67.00
“ “ for old lawn mower,	5.00
“ “ for five loads of leaves raked from park,	1.25
“ “ from City Treasurer, to pay 55 weekly pay-rolls,	7,826.33
Orders on City Treasurer to pay bills for supplies, repairs, etc.,	5,009.99
	<u>\$12,915.33</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on 55 weekly pay-rolls,	\$7,826.33
“ by City Treasurer, for supplies, repairs, etc.,	5,009.99
“ sundry small bills by the Chairman,	61.04
On hand to balance,	17.97
	<u>\$12,915.33</u>

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

March 31, 1893.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing statement of account, and compared it with the vouchers now on file in this office, and find the same to be correct.

C. J. LYONS,
City Auditor.

The aggregate of appropriations to this department for the past year (which, under former usage, would have ended March 10, 1893, instead of three weeks later) is \$12,990; and, as the sum of expenditures, from that source, is \$12,836.62, there is, or should be, still standing to our credit, in the City Treasurer's office, the sum of \$153.68, unexpended and undrawn. By this amount, therefore, we have kept expenditures within the appropriation. At the end of the year 1891-2,

there remained undrawn to our credit \$725.14. Had this sum been carried over from the year then just closed (as had been the practice theretofore), and added to the appropriation for the then ensuing year, we should not have been compelled to ask for the extra appropriation (\$300), which was granted to us.

The expenditures, for all park purposes, including Bushnell Park, Washington Street, Tunnel, Village Street, Franklin Avenue, Retreat Avenue, Buckingham Street, and South Green Park, and City Hall Square—for the fifty-five weeks ending March 31, 1893—may be stated and classified as follows :

For 55 weekly pay-rolls,	\$7,826.33
“ shoveling snow, extra,	40.00
“ sand and team work,	54.45
“ lawn mowers and repairing same,	92.60
“ fences, wire netting, etc.,	112.50
“ masonry (retaining-walls), and repairs,	513.64
“ tools, grass-seed, hardware, and supplies,	197.17
“ trees, shrubs, and plants,	171.88
“ lumber, sawing, etc.,	76.89
“ drain tiles, cement, etc.,	106.47
“ blacksmithing and plumbing,	60.37
“ brick and asphalt work, gratings, etc., for walks,	247.10
“ paints, oils, soap, etc.,	47.94
“ joiner work,	166.33
“ stoves and fuel, lighting (House of Comfort and tool-house),	154.39
“ stationery, printing, typewriting, etc.,	21.75
“ sign-painting and sundries,	7.55
“ building House of Comfort,	2,000.00
“ asphalt walks, new,	1,000.00
Total,	\$12,897.36

WORK OF THE SEASON.

The principal expenditure for new work has been the House of Comfort, arranged in separate compartments, for each sex. Although but \$2,000 was the sum appropriated for this purpose (whereas we had asked for \$2,500 or \$3,000). Yet we think that the new structure will be found to be quite convenient for use, and not objectionable in appearance. Present experience indicates that it will cost about \$750 per annum to care for, guard, and furnish the lighting, fuel, etc., day and night—for this structure.

The asphalt walks laid the past season, and of which the cost was \$1,000, have been two in number ; one (the longest), extending from a point a few rods east of Trinity street, and connecting with the main walk between the Capitol and Mulberry street—westerly, across the

terrace to the tool-house ; another, extending from the terrace, southerly, to the west center of the north front of the Capitol. Two more walks, both short ones, are needed west of Trinity street. These will complete the system of walks on that section ; but there should still be one along the west side of Ford street, from the bridge on that street, to the junction of Ford and Asylum streets. The present cinder walk is much used, and is in bad condition for travel.

On the east section, where most of the walks are both broad and long, there should be several thousand dollars expended for asphalt work the coming year—if any considerable part of the needed improvements in this direction are to be made. Even in the interest of economy it would be desirable to expend a much larger sum than \$1,000 annually, until all gravel, or defective tar walks, be changed to walks of asphalt.

PARK RIVER.

Until the scheme of walling-in and making more narrow the bed of this stream, down to the dam at Daniels' mill, be completed—the city will not have done its duty in the matter of improving that part of Park River within the limits of Bushnell Park. During the last year no appropriation has been made for this purpose, and no work done, excepting the construction of sixty-two feet of new retaining-wall, on the south shore of the river ; the expense of which, with repairs of the north wall, a little above the stepping stones, amounted to \$513. No narrowing of the bed on the south shore, between Ford street and Trumbull street bridges (the side on which the channel lies), is proposed ; but on the north side, adjoining Jewell street, the wall should extend into the stream far enough to take in the shoal on that side ; probably fifty feet, or more, at the widest part, from the present margin on that side. In order to do this, it will be necessary to obtain, from the owners of the mill-privilege, the right to possess the area thus cut off from their water surface. This could be accomplished by obtaining a deed of quit-claim of their interest in the area so reclaimed. But what would be still better (and what will have to be done eventually), would be the total extinguishment of the whole water privilege, or right of said mill-owners in or to any part of Bushnell Park ; and this independently of the question whether the dam is to remain, or be removed. Indeed, it was a case of shortsightedness, when the city failed, at the time the Park was originally laid out—to secure *all* the land, on both sides of the river, from said dam to the Main street bridge.

A NEW BRIDGE.

We are glad to perceive that there is, at last, some prospect of a stone bridge, of appropriate design, being built over Park River, near

the northwest corner of Bushnell Park. The estimated cost thereof (nineteen thousand dollars) may, at first sight, seem to be great; but considering that, in such a place, both adornment and permanence are desirable—the expense is only commensurate with the object to be attained. And when a new bridge shall become necessary at the foot of Mulberry street—which will be within a very few years—that, also, should be constructed wholly of stone.

THE PARK POND.

The slight and inexpensive fence, or wire netting, set around the pond last spring, proved to be of great benefit. The shape of this basin and its location are such as make it suitable for the establishment of a "Water Garden," a feature considered by landscape architects to be one of the finest additions to any park. With this end in view, and also as a preventive against the accumulation of the green film of microscopic plants on the surface of the water—aquatic, or semi-aquatic plants, were set in the border of the pond. These were such plants as: Blue flag (*Iris versicolor*); pickerel-weed (*Pontederia*); arrow-head (*Sagittaria*); sedge (*Carex*); reed-mace or cat-tail (*Typha latifolia*); cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), etc., all being plants found growing wild in this vicinity. Near these, but mostly several feet away from the water, were set golden-rod, asters, wild azaleas, button-bush, wild allspice, viburnums, clethra, steeplebush, winterberry, ferns, and other native plants and shrubs. Some of these produced a good show of blossoms and foliage, for a first year's growth; and the usual crop of green film, or "scum," was wholly wanting. The wire netting prevented depredations of both dog and man; and it was a common remark that the pond "never looked so well before." The pondweed (*Potamogeton*) and water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum*) in the pond, were there spontaneously.

When the season for skating arrived, there was much pressure brought to bear toward permitting the use of the pond as a skating-ground. Such use was finally permitted. Of course, it resulted in considerable damage to the vegetation there, although the full effect cannot be ascertained till next summer. It seems a pity that many people prefer a few hours', or even a few days', rough sport upon this spot to the preservation of its decent and attractive appearance all the rest of the year. In the interest of Bushnell Park, it were much better that those who care little for its landscape and its botanical advantages should go elsewhere for the gratification of their sportive proclivities.

ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS.

No special work has been done on those; but the expense of ordinary care of them is a considerable item. Much of this might be obviated

if they were bordered with copings and gutters. The coping set by us the entire length of Jewell street, in 1891, has served a very useful purpose.

WALKS.

Besides the asphaltting, heretofore referred to, some work has been done in preparing other walks for the reception of asphalt covering the coming season. All *new* walks (laid out since 1884), have had a deep and solid foundation put in, prior to surfacing them with asphalt. Some of the *old* walks (part of which had only a gravel filling) have been asphalted on the original foundation. Some of these have become cracked, but not to any serious extent.

FENCES.

The only new fence built by this department in the last year, has been a line on the northern side of Tunnel Park, being half of the line between said park and the homestead of James F. Dolin. This was of the "steel-picket" type, of the same kind as that on Buckingham Park.

The long line of cable-wire fence, extending from the Asylum street entrance, along Asylum, Ford, Jewell, and Welles streets, to Daniels' mill, should soon be replaced by something more substantial, and more in keeping with the general design of Bushnell Park. A fence of wrought-iron, of simple but appropriate pattern, would be stronger and better looking than the present one. Better still would be wall, of perhaps four feet in height. It may be that a suitable, and at the same time picturesque one, might be made from our own greenstone, or trap-rock. In other places the same kind has been used with pleasing effect for the underpinning, and even the walls, of good classes of buildings.

TREES AND SHRUBS.

The settings for the past season have been, almost entirely, in Bushnell Park. Of trees there is a fair supply in that area; especially of different species of the elm, the maple, and the oak. The soil is not well adapted to the growth of conifers; but we have set a few the past year. What is more needed than anything else in this line is the introduction of groups, or clumps of shrubs, or small trees, each representing several species of the same genus. These are not only pleasing but instructive, since they exhibit, in one mass, and side by side, the distinguishing points of difference between species of the same kind of tree or shrub. On a limited scale we have established some such groups the past season, but it will be several years before the full effect of such a system will have become possible. Some of the settings have been nursery-grown, but many have been from stock brought from the woods of this vicinity. The latter is true of several species of cornel, viburnum, spiræa, etc. We

are also able to multiply some specimens by seedlings, cuttings, and divisions from trees and shrubs grown within the park.

Of bedding-plants we have not attempted to increase the supply of the previous year. These are generally difficult and expensive to be maintained, and, unless protected, are more liable to destruction, especially by dogs, than any other vegetation on the grounds. Besides, as a question of taste (unless we have parterres, or other formal arrangements of the surface), it is better to distribute flowering plants in such situations as they are naturally found in, as in the borders of copses, or along margins of springs and water-courses, or in the vicinity of, or upon, rocks, ridges, and the like, rather than in formal beds and plats.

LAWNS.

No part of any of the parks is allowed to escape the treatment of the lawn-mower, excepting the steep slope adjoining Jewell street. Here the buttercups, daisies, and clover are permitted to put on all their bright array. On the lawns, we have nearly extirpated the many millions of plantains, after nine years' work in this direction. It is now difficult to find one of these troublesome weeds on Bushnell Park. For two years past special attention has been given to the eradication of the knotweed (*Polygonum aviculare*), and crab-grass, otherwise called finger-grass (*Panicum sanguinale*), and have been fairly successful. We have not sought to rid the lawns of the dandelion, whose appearance there is welcomed by many admirers of its more than golden glory. Nor have we made any effort to abate the occasional patches, of a purple or violet hue, caused by the blossoms of self-heal, or heal-all (*Brunella vulgaris*), which the lawn-mower had failed to cut off. And such beautiful, though diminutive plants as the speedwell (*Veronica*), and bluet or eye-bright (*Houstonia cærulea*), should not shock, but rather gladden, the senses of the beholder. Indeed, if all the lawn areas contained no verdure excepting grass, of a nearly uniform tint, the view would become so monotonous that good taste would suggest the introduction of some relief into the landscape. Even an occasional patch of the lowliest mosses is a welcome sight to the eyes of people of cultivated tastes.

DRAINAGE.

We have made gutters with grassy surfaces along the upper edges of such of the asphalt walks as were sloping, and across which the water flowed, or dripped, in troublesome quantities. At suitable intervals we have set drain-wells to receive the water from these gutters, or catch-waters, whence it flows away in subterranean drains. This contrivance operates quite satisfactorily.

We have also taken up perhaps 200 feet of broken-down cement

drain-tiles, and substituted larger tiles of Akron manufacture in lieu thereof.

MEMORIAL ARCH.

Now that the town has relinquished to this board the care of the Memorial Arch, it will be our duty to attend, shortly, to some cleaning and pointing which its masonry requires. The three statues, designed for the unoccupied pedestals on this structure, are nearly ready to be put in place.

NEW PARKS.

This city has done wisely in providing for the establishment, in the near future, of a new park of about seven acres, in the rugged and picturesque region north and east of the intersection of New Britain avenue and Zion street. Directly south of this, bounded easterly by Fairfield avenue, and northerly by New Britain avenue, is a tract still more desirable to be set apart for the same purpose.

We regret that no measures have been taken toward securing additional outlying lands for park areas. What is needed is one or more large tracts, containing primitive forest, hills and vales or ravines, rivulets, and other natural features which can be advantageously developed to form broad landscapes, not involving such expense and nicety of details as strictly urban parks and public gardens require, and where visitors may ramble about at will. One such area, which we had in mind, has been purchased by a manufacturing company since the date of our last report, and will soon be covered with buildings of said company, or otherwise turned to its uses. The values of suburban lands are increasing, and the sooner any are secured for prospective improvement for park purposes the less expensive will be the acquisition thereof.

In our neighboring city, Springfield, Mass., some public-spirited citizens have set an example which may well be emulated here. Ten of her people have donated lands for her Forest Park, aggregating 246 acres, an area several-fold larger than all of Hartford's parks combined. We would hail with pleasure any indications of popular zeal and enthusiasm in the promoting of this class of public works to an equal extent to that shown in the same behalf in many other cities of our land.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

An inventory, as usual, has been made of tools, supplies, fixtures, etc., on hand at the beginning of the year. This, however, we have deemed it unnecessary to publish.

In behalf, and by direction of the Board,

SHERMAN W. ADAMS,
President.

PARK RULES.

The Board of Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in them, hereby make and ordain the following RULES AND REGULATIONS, for the management of the parks of the City of Hartford. Any person who shall violate any of the following Rules and Regulations "shall forfeit and pay, for the use of the city treasury, a *fine not exceeding thirty-five dollars.*"

IT IS FORBIDDEN :

1. To enter or leave any park except by the regular approaches thereto ; to walk upon any border, or to cross any lawn, except in such place as is, or shall have been, set apart as common, or unless it be on public occasions, when the use of the park for public assembly shall have been granted by the Commissioners.

2. To climb or get upon any tree, statue, fence, railing, or other structure, upon any park.

3. To cut, write upon, deface, defile, or otherwise injure any building, bridge, fence, statue, fountain, seat, or other structure, upon any park.

4. To permit any animal to pass over, or stray upon, any park area ; *provided*, that this prohibition shall not apply to dogs when led by a cord or chain not exceeding six feet in length.

5. To cut, break, or otherwise injure any tree or shrub, or any part thereof ; to cut, pluck, or otherwise remove, any blossom or other part of any plant or flower in any park.

6. To throw, sport with, or carry on to, or about, any stick, stone, lump, or other missile, on any park.

7. To scatter, or leave upon any park, any paper, rag, garbage, or other litter.

8. To void any urine, dung, or excrement, within the limits of any park, excepting in such place or apartment as is, or shall be, specially provided for such purpose; and in the latter case it is forbidden to use or enter any apartment established for persons of the opposite sex exclusively.

9. To exhibit any signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices ; to play any games of chance ; to make any fire ; to have any intoxicating

beverage ; to play any musical instrument ; to solicit any money or subscription ; to make any speech or harangue ; to follow or annoy any other visitor, on any park.

10. To drive or propel any vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, wheelbarrow, or hand-cart, on any park, excepting on regular carriage roads ; to skate or slide upon or across any walk upon any park ; or to slide or coast on any driveway.

11. To ride or drive any horse or team at a faster rate than eight miles an hour ; to drive any heavy team, cart, or wagon whatsoever, upon any park-driveway, or carriageway (excepting on park business) on any park.

12. To take any bird, or bird's nest ; any fish, frog, turtle, or other live animal of a wild nature, from any park.

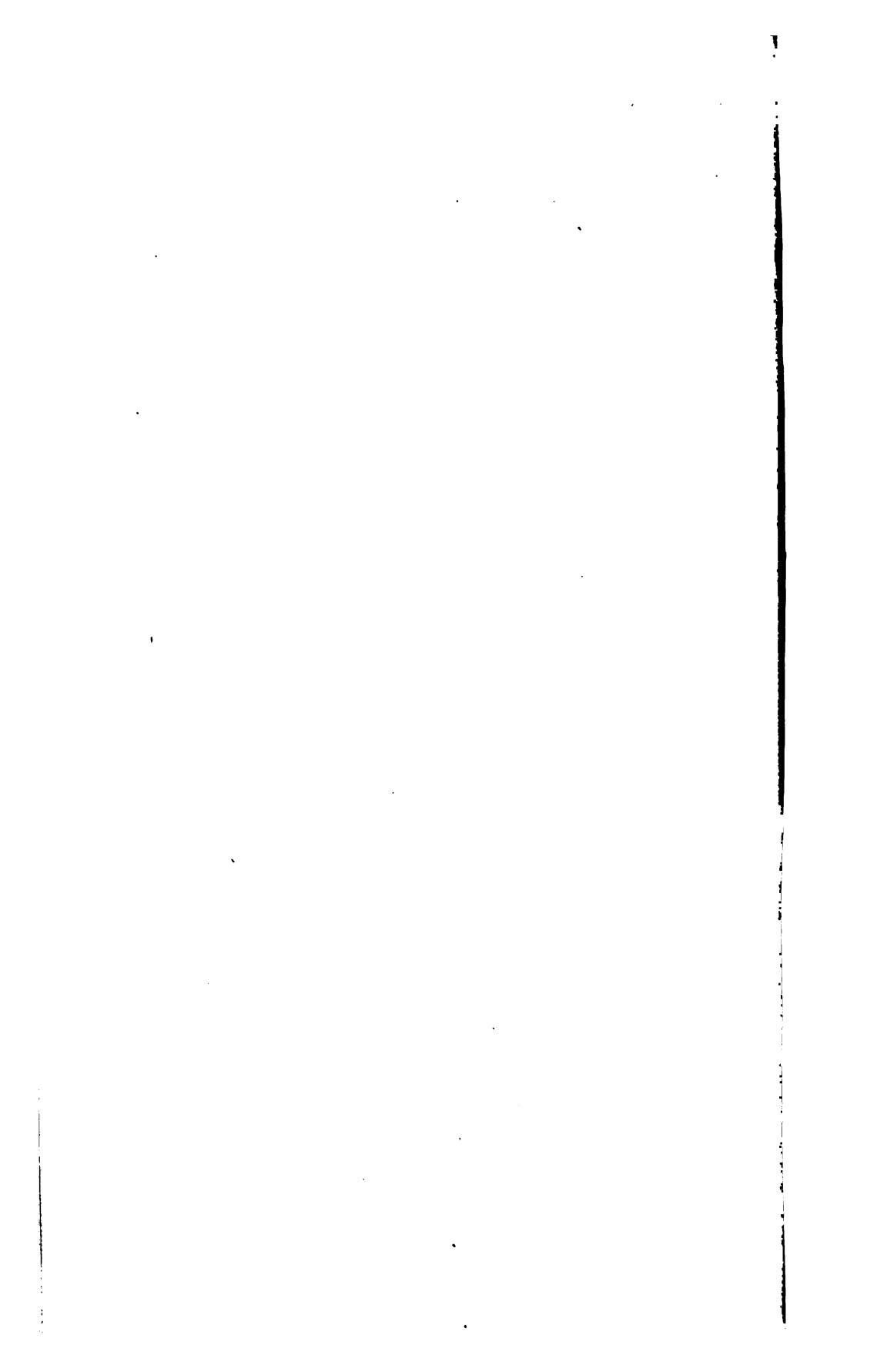
13. To sleep or lie upon, or overturn, any seat upon any park.

14. To deface or injure any notice placed by the Park Commissioners upon any park, or to deface or injure this placard.

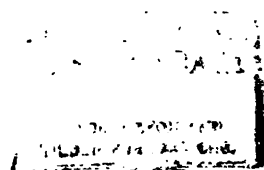
The foregoing are in addition to such prohibitions and penalties as are provided by the laws of this State, and the ordinances of this city.

Dated at Hartford, this 14th day of March, A.D. 1893.

Attest: SHERMAN W. ADAMS,
President.



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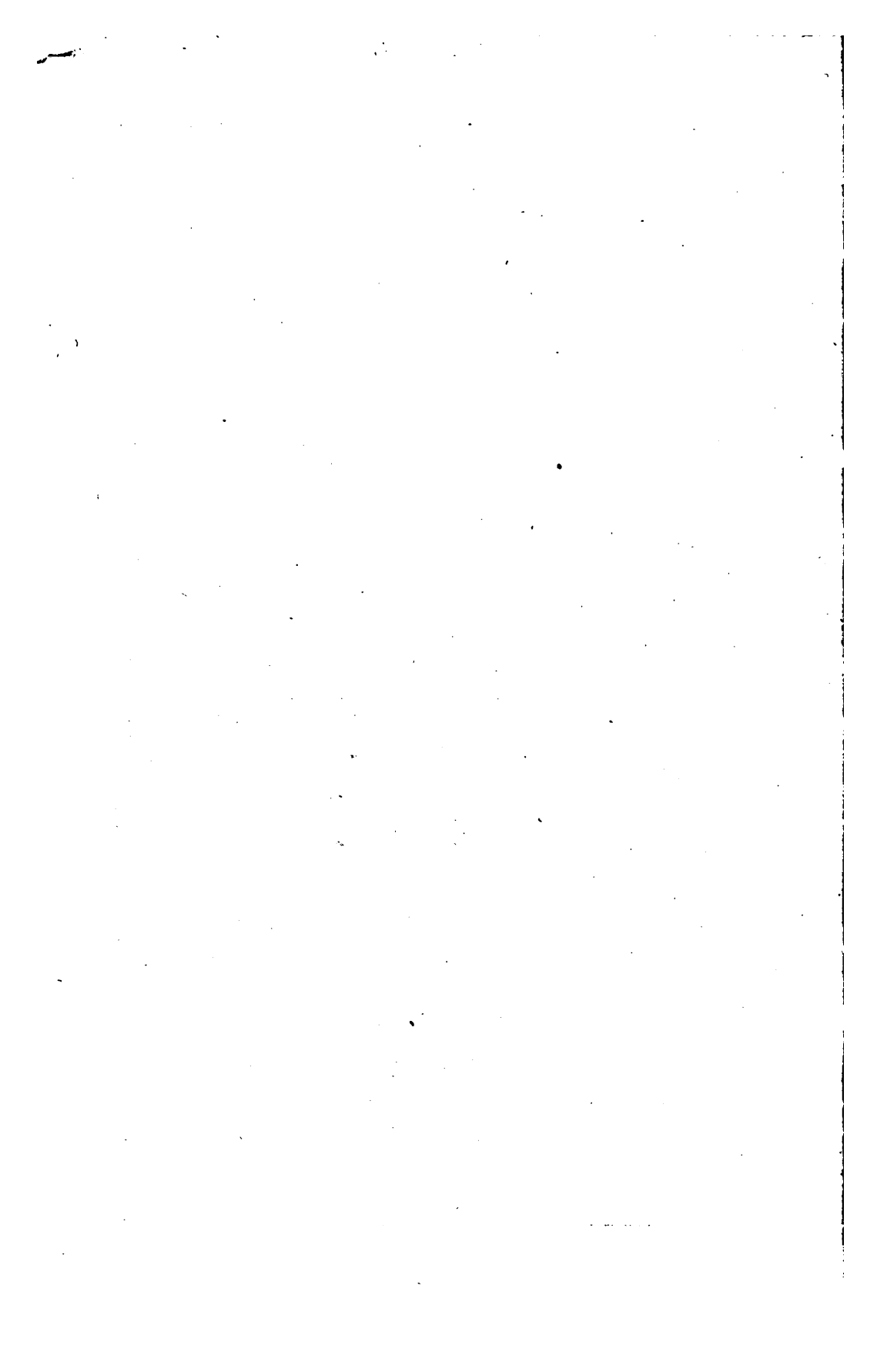
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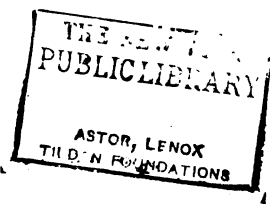
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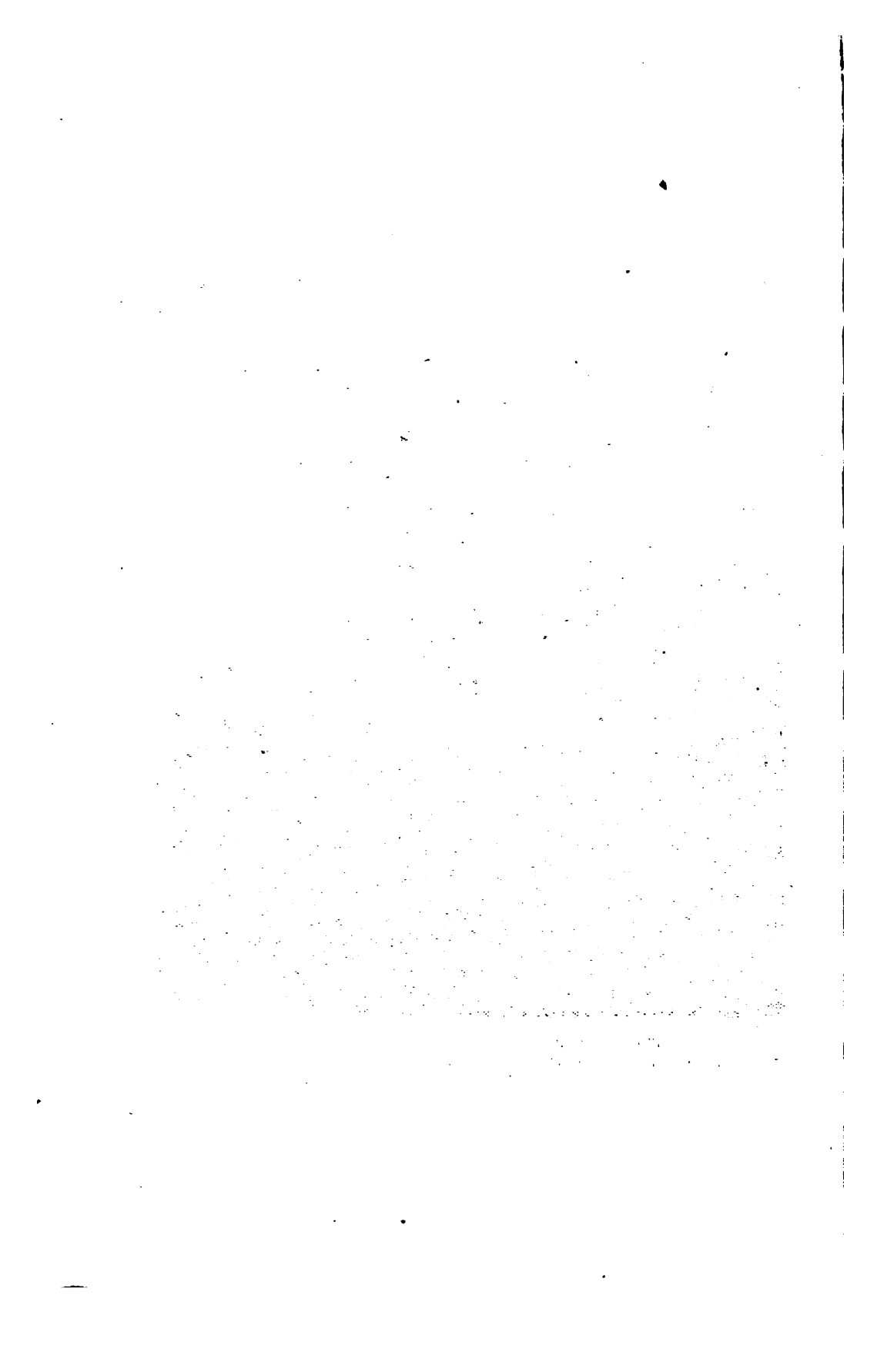
VIEW OF THE CHARTER OAK, LOOKING NORTH.

The tree fell in 1856. The species was *Quercus alba*, the common white oak.

From a photograph by E. P. Kellogg, in 1855.

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THE NEW CHARTER OAK.

This is a seedling from an acorn of the Charter Oak. The acorn was planted by Samuel Whitman of West Hartford, in the autumn of 1847; and it was of the crop of that season. The sapling grew in Mr. Whitman's garden until 1867, when it was transferred to its present position, in Bushnell Park. It is now about eighteen inches in diameter, at its base.

From a photograph by E. P. Kellogg, taken on May 1, 1894.

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

1894.

FRANCIS GOODWIN.

Term expires 1895.

SHERMAN W. ADAMS.

Term expires 1896.

GURDON W. RUSSELL.

Term expires 1897.

EDWIN P. PARKER.

Term expires 1898.

WILLIAM DE LOSS LOVE.

Term expires 1899.

President (and Acting Secretary).

SHERMAN W. ADAMS.

Foreman.

HERMAN T. HULL.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS,
CITY OF HARTFORD,

April 18, 1894.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council :

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith respectfully submits its Thirty-fourth Annual Report :

RECEIPTS.

On hand April 1, 1893,	\$17.97
Received for outside work, etc.,	18.49
“ Orders on City Treasurer,	18,515.16
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	\$18,551.62

EXPENDITURES.

For 53 weekly Park pay-rolls,	\$9,091.93
“ 83 bills for supplies, repairs, etc.,	3,172.33
“ Sheedy's bill for retaining wall,	3,896.10
“ Ahern's bill for retaining wall,	754.80
“ Barrett Bros. & Co., on new bridge,	1,600.00
“ 17 small bills, by the Chairman,	29.49
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	\$18,544.65
March 31, 1894, on hand to balance,	6.97
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	\$18,551.62

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, April 18, 1894.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing statement of account, and compared it with the vouchers on file in this office, and find the same to be correct.

CHAS. H. ROBINS,
City Auditor.

The amount of the appropriations for the year ending March 31, 1894, was \$18,600. Add the amount on hand from March 31, 1893 (\$17.97), and the amount received from outside sources

(\$18.49) — and the available fund aggregated \$18,636.46. Deducting all expenditures (\$18,544.65), and there remains an excess of appropriations, over expenditures, of \$91.81; or, omitting the amount on hand from the year before, and that received from outside sources, \$36.46, in all — and the expenditures still fall below the appropriations by the amount of \$55.35. But this result would not have been possible had not an extra appropriation of \$1,500 been made to cover expenses incurred by this department in caring for City Hall Square for the five years last past; which space was properly under the care of the City Hall Committee.

The expenditures for the year just closed may be classified as follows :

For 53 weekly pay-rolls,	\$9,091.93
" bridge construction, in part (\$2,100 appropriated),	1,600.00
" retaining walls (\$5,000 appropriated),	4,650.90
" asphalt walks (no special appropriation),	1,100.44
" park settees, exclusive of repairs,	297.50
" lighting House of Comfort,	115.00
" trees, shrubs, and plants,	221.05
" plumbing (repairs),	23.87
" new closets, etc., House of Comfort,	215.00
" fertilizers, loam, sand, etc.,	188.50
" turf, for Bushnell Park,	175.22
" cement and tiles,	75.65
" iron, steel, and blacksmithing,	91.56
" tools, hardware, etc.,	158.85
" printing and stationery,	59.80
" joinery, lumber, etc.,	221.14
" paints, oils, etc.,	40.34
" fuel, for House of Comfort and tool-house,	62.38
" rubber hose,	19.00
" cleaning in Park River (extra help, removing stumps, etc.),	53.87
" grass-seed, cartage, etc.,	76.95
" signs, express charges, etc.,	5.70
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	\$18,544.65

The foregoing includes the care of the following-named areas: Bushnell Park, Washington Street Park, Tunnel Park, Village Street Park, Buckingham Square Park, South Green Park, Franklin Avenue Park, Retreat Avenue Park, and City Hall Square; nine in all. There is a considerable section of the Capitol grounds, south of the Capitol — and a lesser section north of the same structure — belonging to this city; but of these the State has, voluntarily, assumed the care free of expense to this department.

ASPHALT WALKS.

Although no appropriation was specially made for the construction of asphalt walks, yet the amount allowed for the use of this department seemed to contemplate the use of a part of the funds for this purpose. Accordingly, as will be seen above, a considerable amount was expended for such walks; enough, in fact, to complete the walks west of Trinity street, besides making some progress on walks east of said street. The walks so laid were: one from the north front of the Capitol to the Terrace; one from the walk west of the Capitol, northeasterly to the Terrace; one from the Trumbull street bridge, southwesterly, to the main walk in the east section of Bushnell Park; and one from said bridge, southeasterly, to the said main walk. These were laid upon the old foundations, whether they were of gravel or tar-concrete; and while, perhaps, it would have been better to have dug up such foundations, and to have made new and deeper ones—this would have involved great additional expense; while the cost of repairing the present asphalt walks in the few places where they are defective will be but trifling. We are hopeful that in the coming year we shall be able to make considerable progress toward the completion of this class of work in the eastern section of Bushnell Park.

PARK RIVER.

During the past season we have completed the retaining-wall along the right bank of this stream, as far down as the Mulberry street bridge; so that, within the limits of Bushnell Park, there remains only the right bank from said bridge to Daniels' mill—and the left bank from Ford street bridge to said mill—to make the system of such walls complete, so far as this department has undertaken to accomplish it. There remain some intervals, here and there, between Capitol avenue and Dutch Point, which ought, for the same reasons by which we have been governed—to be subjected to the same treatment. This is a necessary public improvement, entirely independent of the proposed intersecting sewer or sewers. And when these walls are completed, the river banks should be graded to conform to them, the sides nicely seeded or turfed, and *all rubbish be kept out of the river and off from its banks*. The great bulk of the débris in Park River came from off its banks and not from the sewers; hence, the construction of any number of intercepting sewers will not avail to prevent such accumulations of nauseous material. And the worst result is that

nearly all such matter, which enters the river at any point above Bushnell Park, is borne down stream and finds its lodgment within the limits of that park. Very little of it passes over the dam at Daniels' mill. Hence it is that we are solicitous about the treatment of the stream and its tributaries above Bushnell Park.

The proper treatment of the left bank of the river below Ford street bridge cannot be effected without making some arrangement with the owners of the water privilege connected with Daniels' mill. Heretofore those owners have been very accommodating and courteous, and have even drawn down the water, at some loss to themselves, without making any claim for compensation therefor—so that we might the better accomplish our task of wall construction. But along Jewell street such work cannot be properly done without encroaching materially upon the river bed, and reducing the flowage area to such extent that the proprietors of the water privilege will be entitled to some compensation. This is a matter which should receive present attention, under authority of the Court of Common Council. Indeed (but perhaps it is too much to hope for at present) steps should be taken for acquiring full title to and control of the dam in question by the city.

NEW BRIDGE.

A new bridge has been built in place of the old one, and on the same pier and abutments, opposite to Union Place. It is of wood and its cost was a little less than the appropriation for it, which was \$2,100. We believed that (both on grounds of propriety and economy) it should be of stone, and so recommended. The Court of Common Council concurred with us, and made its appropriation accordingly. The action of that body was not ratified at the ballot-boxes, and the new wooden superstructure is the outcome of the whole matter.

We beg leave to call your attention again to the growing need for a bridge to connect the angle of Welles street at Daniels' mill with a point on Elm street near the point of its intersection with West street. Such an addition might be made picturesque, in connection with the waterfall, as well as useful.

FENCES.

Only repairs have been attempted in the line of fencing and enclosing park areas. The present cheap and cheap-looking line of cable-wire fence, from Union Place to Daniels' mill, should give away to something more substantial, ornamental, and in keeping

with its intended use. A suitable wall of stone, or railing of wrought-iron would be more expensive (at first, but perhaps not in the end); yet such barriers would be best suited to protect public enclosures of this kind.

LAWNS.

Considerable new lawn surface has been added, adjacent to the new retaining-wall; and this section of Bushnell Park will be much improved in appearance thereby. We have discontinued the use of horse machines in mowing the lawns, and find better results as regards the appearance of the shaven surface; although, of necessity, the cost is somewhat greater. We are happy to be able to say, after several years' efforts, that we have gotten rid of the most troublesome weed with which these lawns have been infested; to wit, the millions of plantains (two species) which abounded there. Their removal has been so complete that it is now difficult to find a specimen. The next most annoying weed has been a species of knotweed (*Polygonum aviculare*), which we are now trying to eradicate. Another pest which we are making equal effort to be rid of is the finger-grass or crab-grass (*Panicum sanguinale*). This is a naturalized product from Europe, as, indeed, are, in all probability, both the other plants mentioned. Like many others of our commonest weeds (some of which, however, like the ox-eye daisy, are things of beauty) they have supplanted our own indigenous vegetation; and, in some cases, serve as illustrations of the theory of the "survival of the fittest," that is, the strongest.

TREES AND SHRUBS.

About the usual number of trees and shrubs have been set, some of which were of species not before represented on the grounds. As was to be expected, not all plantings were successful. A few, apparently, are not hardy enough to endure our rigorous climate. Bushnell Park is sadly lacking in sheltering ravines, sunny slopes, rivulets, and swales, — all natural features without which no landscape can be complete, nor the most diversified types of vegetation be made to flourish. Nevertheless, we have made it a principle of our annual settings to obtain at least one specimen of each species of such trees and shrubs as can be made to grow in this latitude. Appended hereto will be found a list of such species as have been introduced into Bushnell Park, together with some that existed there prior to the establishment of the park, as well as a few species that have come in by chance

since said park was established. It will be seen that the list in question contains a great number of specimens, and yet many species are still unrepresented, especially among the conifers. The collection is fullest in the department of indigenous types, many of which were found growing wild in this immediate vicinity. Judging from the inquiries made by visitors, it is these that most interest the lovers of botany.

There are different ideas prevailing as to the use and treatment of the park grounds. Some think of them only as places of recreation, or sport. In such a limited area as is comprised, even in our largest park, any considerable part of it reserved as a common, and subjected to rough usage, would cause a relatively great disfigurement of the whole area, and would deprive it of that restful character and beauteous landscape, which are so desirable features of such places. The truth is, that if we are to have a common, it should be in some situation not now in possession of this department; such, for instance, as might be found on Franklin avenue. But, on the other hand, there are those of our people (and they are many) who are so deeply interested in conserving the present treatment of Bushnell Park, that they manifest that interest by encouraging the present system of management. One way of doing this is by contributions of trees and shrubs, with the request that they be set in Bushnell Park. Among those who have made such donations, the following named are such as we now remember :

Loren W. Barnes,	Hartford.
Hiram Bissell,	"
Fred. S. Brown,	"
Aug. W. Budde,	"
Francis Goodwin,	"
Fr. A. Hoadly,	"
Mrs. Geo. F. Lord,	"
Wm. B. May,	"
John J. McCook,	"
Gurdon W. Russell,	"
S. W. Adams,	"
Geo. M. Landers,	New Britain.
W. C. Norris,	Willimantic.
Luther W. Adams,	Wethersfield.
Thos. G. Adams,	"
Cornelia Hurlbert,	"
Mrs. Hayden,	Windsor.

THE PARK POND.

No change has been made in the treatment of this piece of waterscape, other than the addition of shrubs and plants, mostly of a wild nature, around its borders; and a small addition to the aquatic plants within it. The damage done by skaters has been repaired, as far as possible; but there are still some people who, apparently, take no interest in the pond, except for such amusement as it affords in the skating season.

A list of most of the vegetation growing on the banks of the pond was given in our last annual report.

The fountain, in the center of the pond, is no longer in condition to be used, excepting at a low pressure of its force. It is not consistent with good taste that it should be in this location, since this basin is a natural one in form, somewhat kidney-shaped. The basin for a fountain should be of geometrical design; and its rim should be of marble, or some other suitable stone, and nicely cut and fitted together. We have the materials of the old basins stored away; and, if we had sufficient means, would set one of them near the pond, using its surplus water to supply that basin.

MEMORIAL ARCH.

Since our last report, the placing of the statues upon this monument to Hartford's soldiers and sailors of the late war, has been completed. The custody of the arch was not fully placed in the hands of this department until last winter, since which time we have contracted for some work of reparation to be done upon it; the bridge, closely connected with the Arch, is still under the care of the Street department. We understand that that board has contracted for ornamental lamps to illuminate the bridge, and of a pattern similar to the cluster lamps around the arch.

OTHER PARKS.

No change has occurred in any of the smaller parks, calling for special mention; but it may truly be said that, as respects minor details, there has been some improvement in the general appearance of each of them.

It is a matter of regret that no suburban grounds have been secured, suitable for purposes of recreation and sport; and where there is something of primitive forest and wild and rugged scenery. The cost of such areas would not be great, and but little expense would be required in order to fit them for public use. All

delay in this direction renders it more difficult to acquire such grounds, for the reason that Hartford is increasing in population, and the land that is now unimproved is liable to become divided into smaller parcels for buildings and building-lots.

In behalf, and by direction of the Board,

SHERMAN W. ADAMS,
President.

LIST OF THE SPECIES OF TREES AND SHRUBS TO BE FOUND IN BUSHNELL PARK.

The following list, prepared by the president of the Board, is believed to be very nearly complete. Some of the species, especially of the willows and viburnums, may prove to be different from those named herein; indeed, the order of *Salicaceae* (which includes the willows and poplars) is a difficult one to be classified, even among experienced botanists.

Some of the species named were set the present season. In case of their failure to live, such names will, of course, have to be erased from the list. A few species came in spontaneously, or by chance.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
<i>Abies Balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir.
<i>A. Canadensis</i>	See " <i>Tsuga</i> ."
<i>A. Excelsa</i>	Norway Spruce. And see <i>Picea</i> .
<i>A. Nigra</i>	Black, or Double Spruce. And see <i>Picea</i> .
<i>A. Nordmanniana</i>	Nordmann's Silver Fir.
<i>Acer Dasycarpum</i>	White, or Silver Maple.
<i>A. Dasycarpum</i> , var. <i>Wieri</i>	Wier's Cut-leaved Maple.
<i>A. Ginnala</i>	Ginnala Maple.
<i>A. Japonicum</i>	Japanese Maples, dwarf; several varieties.
<i>A. Platanoides</i>	Norway Maple.
<i>A. Platanoides</i> , var. <i>Geneva</i>	Purple-leaved Norway Maple.
<i>A. Platanoides</i> , var. <i>Reitenbachii</i>	Red-leaved Norway Maple.
<i>A. Pseudo-Platanus</i>	Sycamore Maple.
<i>A. Pseudo-Platanus</i> , var.	Purple-leaved Sycamore Maple.
<i>A. Rubrum</i>	Red Maple; Swamp Maple, or Soft Maple.
<i>A. Rubrum</i> , var. <i>pyramidale</i>	Spiry Red Maple.
<i>A. Saccharinum</i>	Sugar Maple; Rock Maple.
<i>A. Spicatum</i>	Mountain Maple.
<i>A. Striatum</i>	Striped Maple; Moose-wood.
<i>Æsculus Glabra</i>	Ohio buckeye.
<i>Æ. Hippocastanum</i>	Horse Chestnut.
<i>Æ. Hippocastanum</i> , var.	Red-flowering Horse Chestnut.
<i>Alnus Serrulata</i>	Common, or Tag Alder.
<i>Amelanchier Canadensis</i>	Shad-bush; Juneberry; Service-berry.
<i>A. Canadensis</i> , var. <i>botryapium</i>	Shad-bush.
<i>A. Oligocarpa</i>	Dwarf Shad-bush.
<i>Amorpha Fruticosa</i>	False Indigo.
<i>Ampelopsis Quinquefolia</i>	Virginian Creeper; Am. Woodbine.
<i>A. Veitchii</i>	Japanese Ivy; Veitch's Ivy.
<i>Andromeda Mariana</i>	Stagger bush.
<i>A. Speciosa</i>	Showy Andromeda.
<i>Aralia Spinososa</i>	Hercules' Club.
<i>Azalea Ghent</i>	Ghent Azalea (Cultivated hybrid).

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POPULAR NAMES.

<i>A. Mollis</i>	Japanese Azalea (cultivated hybrid).
<i>A. Nudiflora</i>	Wild Red Azalea ; Swamp Honeysuckle ; Pinxter Flower.
<i>A. Viscosa</i>	White Swamp-honeysuckle.
<i>Raccharis Halimifolia</i>	Groundsel-tree ; a shrub.
<i>Berberis Thunbergii</i>	Thunberg's Barberry.
<i>B. Vulgaris</i>	Common Barberry.
<i>Betula Alba</i>	European White Birch.
<i>B. Alba, var. purpurea</i>	Purple-leaved White Birch.
<i>B. Laciniata</i>	Cut-leaved White Birch.
<i>B. Lentia</i>	Black, Sweet, or Cherry Birch.
<i>B. Papyrifera</i>	Canoe Birch ; White Birch.
<i>B. Populifolia</i>	American White Birch.
<i>Calicanthus Floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice ; Strawberry-bush.
<i>Caragana Arborescens</i>	Siberian Pea Tree.
<i>C. Fruticosa</i>	Pea Tree ; a yellow-flowering shrub.
<i>Carpinus Caroliniana</i>	Am. Hornbeam ; Blue Beach ; Iron-wood.
<i>Carya Alba</i>	Shell-bark (or Shag-bark) Hickory.
<i>C. Tomentosa</i>	Mocker Nut ; White-heart Hickory.
<i>Castanea Sativa</i>	Chestnut ; White Chestnut.
<i>Catalpa Bignonioides</i>	Catalpa ; Indian Bean.
<i>C. Speciosa</i>	Showy Catalpa.
<i>Ceanothus Americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea.
<i>Celastrus Scandens</i>	Climbing Bittersweet ; Wax-work.
<i>Celtis Occidentalis</i>	Hackberry ; Sugar-berry ; Nettle Tree.
<i>Cephalanthus Occidentalis</i>	Button Bush.
<i>Cerasus Avium, var. (?)</i>	Double-flowering Cherry.
<i>C. Vulgaris</i>	Common English Cherry. A chance specimen.
<i>Cercis Canadensis</i>	Red-Bud ; Judas Tree.
<i>Chamaecyparis Sphæroidea</i>	White Cedar.
<i>Chionanthus Virginiana</i>	White Fringe.
<i>Cladrastis Tinctoria</i>	Yellow-wood.
<i>Clematis Jackmanni</i>	Purple Clematis.
<i>C. Virginiana</i>	Virgin's Bower ; Wild Clematis.
<i>Clethra Alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush ; White Alder.
<i>Colutea Arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna.
<i>Comptonia Asplenifolia</i>	Sweet Fern.
<i>Corchorus (or Kerria) Japonica</i>	Globe Flower, double and single.
<i>Cornus Alba Sanguinea</i>	Red-stemmed Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. Alternifolia</i>	Blue Dogwood, or Cornel.
<i>C. Cercinata</i>	Round-leaved Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. Florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood, white and red.
<i>C. Mas, or Masculata</i>	Cornelian Cherry ; Yellow-flowered Dogwood.
<i>C. Paniculata</i>	Panicled Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. Sericea</i>	Silky Cornel ; Kinnikinnick.
<i>C. Sibirica</i>	Siberian Cornel.
<i>C. Stolonifera</i>	Red-Osier Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>Crataegus Coccinea</i>	Scarlet-fruited Thorn ; Thorn-Apple.
<i>C. Crus-galli</i>	Cockspur Thorn.
<i>C. Oxyacanthus</i>	English Hawthorn.
<i>C. Oxyacanthus, var. (?)</i>	Paul's Thorn, double-flowering.
<i>Cydonia Japonica</i>	Flowering Quince ; Japanese Quince.
<i>Cytisus Laburnum</i>	Golden Chain ; Laburnum.
<i>Daphne Genkwa</i>	Japanese Daphne.
<i>Desmodium Penduliflorum</i>	Drooping Tick-Trefoil.
<i>Deutzia Crenata</i>	Double Deutzia.
<i>D. Gracilis</i>	Dwarf Deutzia.
<i>D. Watereri</i>	Waterer's Deutzia.
<i>Diervilla Japonica</i>	Rose Weigela.
<i>Dirca Palustris</i>	Leatherwood ; Wickaby ; Moosewood,
<i>Euonymus (Evonymus) Europæus</i>	Spindle Tree ; Burning Bush.

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<i>Exochorda Grandiflora</i> . . .	A Japanese Shrub.
<i>Fagus Ferruginea</i> . . .	Common Beech.
<i>F. Ferruginea</i> , var. <i>rubra</i> . . .	River's Purple Beech.
<i>Forsythia Viridissima</i> . . .	Golden bells; Green Forsythia.
<i>Fraxinus Americana</i> . . .	White Ash.
<i>F. Pubescens</i> . . .	Red Ash.
<i>Gleditschia Triacanthus</i> . . .	Honey Locust; Three-thorned Acacia.
<i>Gymnocladus Canadensis</i> . . .	Kentucky Coffee-Tree.
<i>Halesia, Diptera</i> . . .	Silver Bell.
<i>Hamamelis Virginica</i> . . .	Witch Hazel; Spotted Alder.
<i>Hedera Helix</i> . . .	Ivy; English Ivy.
<i>Hibiscus Moscheutos</i> . . .	Swamp Rose-mallow.
<i>H. Syriacus</i> . . .	Shrubby Althæa; Rose of Sharon.
<i>Hydrangea Paniculata</i> . . .	Panicked Hydrangea.
<i>Hypericum (Aureum?)</i> . . .	St. John's Wort; a shrub. No vulgar name?
<i>Ilex Lævigata</i> . . .	Winterberry.
<i>I. Verticillata</i> . . .	Winterberry; Black Alder.
<i>Itea Virginica</i> . . .	Itea; a shrub.
<i>Juglans Cinerea</i> . . .	Butternut.
<i>J. Nigra</i> . . .	Black Walnut.
<i>Juniperus Communis</i> . . .	Common Juniper.
<i>J. Virginiana</i> . . .	Red Cedar.
<i>Kalmia Angustifolia</i> . . .	Sheep Laurel; Lambkill; Wicky.
<i>K. Latifolia</i> . . .	Laurel, Calico bush, Spoonwood, Boxwood, and other names.
<i>Kerria Japonica</i> . . .	See Corchorus.
<i>Koeleruteria Paniculata</i> . . .	Chinese Bladder-pod.
<i>Larix Europæa</i> . . .	Irish (or Scottish) Larch.
<i>Laurus Benzoin</i> . . .	Spice Bush; Fever Bush; Benzoin.
<i>Ligustrum Ovalifolium</i> . . .	Californian Privet.
<i>L. Vulgare</i> . . .	Common Privet, or Prim.
<i>Liquidambar Styraciflua</i> . . .	Sweet-gum Tree; Bilsted; Alligator Tree.
<i>Liriodendron Tulipifera</i> . . .	Tulip Tree; Rain Tree; Whitewood.
<i>Lycium Vulgare</i> . . .	Matrimony Vine.
<i>Lonicera Tartarica</i> . . .	Tartarian Honeysuckle; Twin Honeysuckle.
<i>Magnolia Acuminata</i> . . .	Cucumber Tree.
<i>M. Conspicua</i> . . .	Yulan Magnolia.
<i>M. Soulangeana</i> . . .	Purple Magnolia.
<i>Morus Alba</i> . . .	White Mulberry.
<i>M. Rubra</i> . . .	Red Mulberry.
<i>Myrica Cerifera</i> . . .	Bayberry; Wax Myrtle; Candleberry.
<i>Negundo Aceroides</i> . . .	Box Elder; Ash-leaved Maple.
<i>Nemopantes Canadensis</i> . . .	Mountain Holly.
<i>Nyssa Sylvatica</i> . . .	Tupelo; Pepperidge; Black, or Sour Gum.
<i>Ostrya Virginica</i> . . .	{ Hop Hornbeam; Iron-wood. This is wrongly called { "Witch Hazel" by most farmers.
<i>Persica Vulgaris</i> . . .	Common Peach; a chance specimen.
<i>P. Vulgaris, flore pleno</i> . . .	Double-flowering Peach.
<i>P. Vulgaris, var. camelliaeflora</i> . . .	Camellia-flowered Peach.
<i>Philadelphus Coronarius</i> . . .	Mock Orange; Syringa.
<i>P. Inodorus</i> . . .	Scentless Mock Orange.
<i>Picea Alba</i> . . .	White Spruce.
<i>P. Excelsa</i> . . .	Norway Spruce.
<i>P. Nigra</i> . . .	Black Spruce; Double Spruce.
<i>Pinus Laricio, var. nigricans</i> . . .	Austrian Pine.
<i>P. Rigida</i> . . .	Pitch Pine; Candlewood Tree.
<i>P. Strobus</i> . . .	White Pine.
<i>Platanus Occidentalis</i> . . .	Sycamore; Buttonwood; Button-ball; Western Plane.
<i>Populus Alba</i> . . .	White Poplar; Silver Poplar; Abele; Aspen.
<i>P. Fastigiata</i> . . .	Lombardy Poplar.
<i>P. Grandidentata</i> . . .	Large-toothed Aspen; Cottonwood,

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
<i>P. Monilifera</i>	Cottonwood; Necklace Poplar.
<i>P. Tremuloides</i>	American Aspen; Whitewood.
<i>Prinos Verticillata</i>	See Ilex.
<i>Prunus Americana</i>	Wild Yellow (or Red) Plum.
<i>P. Insititia</i>	Bullace Tree.
<i>P. Pennsylvanica</i>	Wild Red Cherry.
<i>P. pissardii</i>	Crimson-leaved (Persian) Plum.
<i>P. Sinensis, fl. pl.</i>	Flowering Almond (double red).
<i>P. Serotina</i>	Wild Black Cherry.
<i>P. Spinosa</i>	Blackthorn; Sloe.
<i>P. Triloba</i>	Double-flowering Plum; a shrub.
<i>P. Virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry; a shrub.
<i>Ptelia Trifoliata</i>	Hop Tree.
<i>Pyrus Arbutifolia</i>	Choke Berry; a shrub.
<i>P. Aucuparia</i>	Mountain Ash; Rowan Tree; Quicken Tree.
<i>P. Coronaria, fl. pl.</i>	Am. Crab Apple (double-flowering).
<i>P. Communis</i>	Choke Pear; a chance specimen.
<i>P. Malus</i>	Wild Apple; a chance specimen.
<i>P. Malus Parkmanii</i>	Parkmann's Flowering Apple.
<i>Quercus Alba</i>	White Oak. One is a seedling from the Charter Oak.
<i>Q. Bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak.
<i>Q. Cerris</i>	Cerris Oak; Turkey Oak.
<i>Q. Coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak.
<i>Q. Imbricaria</i>	Laurel Oak; Shingle Oak.
<i>Q. Macrocarpa</i>	Mossy-Cup (Over-cup) Oak; Burr Oak.
<i>Q. Muhlenbergii</i>	Chestnut-leaved Oak.
<i>Q. Palustris</i>	Pin Oak; Swamp-Spanish Oak.
<i>Q. Prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak; Rock-chestnut Oak.
<i>Q. Robur</i>	English Oak.
<i>Q. Robur, var. Concordia</i>	Golden-leaved English Oak.
<i>Q. Robur, var. purpurea</i>	Purple English Oak.
<i>Q. Rubra</i>	Red Oak.
<i>Q. Tinctoria</i>	Black Oak; Quercitron; Yellow-barked Oak.
<i>Rhamnus Cathartica</i>	Buckthorn.
<i>Rhododendron Catawbiense</i>	Rhododendron; Rose Bay; several varieties, or hybrids.
<i>Rhodora Canadensis</i>	Has no vulgar name?
<i>Rhus Copallina</i>	Dwarf Sumach.
<i>R. Cotinoides</i>	Smoke Tree.
<i>R. Toxicodendron (or Radicans)</i>	Poison Ivy; Poison Creeper. A chance specimen.
<i>R. Typhina</i>	Stag-horn Sumach.
<i>Ribes Aureum</i>	Missouri Currant; Buffalo Currant.
<i>R. Floridum</i>	Wild Black Currant.
<i>Rosa Alba</i>	White Rose.
<i>R. Carolina</i>	Wild Swamp Rose.
<i>R. Centifolia, var. (?)</i>	Moss Rose.
<i>R. Damascena</i>	Damask Rose.
<i>R. Lucida</i>	Wild Rose; Dwarf Wild Rose.
<i>R. Rubiginosa</i>	Sweetbrier; Eglantine.
<i>R. Rugosa</i>	Rough-leaved (Japanese) Rose. Red and White.
<i>R. Spinosissima, var. (?)</i>	Yellow Rose; Persian Yellow Rose.
<i>R. Wichuriana</i>	Spreading (Japanese) Rose.
<i>Rubus Occidentalis</i>	Wild Black Raspberry; Thimbleberry.
<i>R. Odoratus</i>	Flowering (or Rose-flowering) Raspberry.
<i>R. Strigosus</i>	Wild Red Raspberry.
<i>R. Villosus</i>	Common Blackberry. The last three came in by chance.
<i>Salisburia Adiantifolia</i>	Ginko; Maiden-hair Tree. One is pistillate, and fruits
<i>Salix Alba (var. Vitellina?)</i>	White Willow; Large Yellow Willow. [abundantly.
<i>S. Babylonica</i>	Great Weeping Willow.
<i>S. Cuprea, var. pendula</i>	Kilmarnock Willow.
<i>S. Discolor</i>	Glaucous Willow,

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<i>S. Fragilis</i>	Crack Willow.
<i>S. Lucida</i>	Shining Willow.
<i>S. Nigra</i>	Black Willow.
<i>S. Purpurea</i>	Purple Willow.
<i>S. Regalis</i>	Royal White-leaved Willow.
<i>S. Rosmarinifolia</i>	Rosemary Willow.
<i>S. Viminalis</i>	Osier Willow.
<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	Common Elder; Elderberry Bush.
<i>Sassafras Officinale</i>	Common Sassafras.
<i>Smilax Rotundifolia</i>	Common Greenbrier; Horse-Brier.
<i>Sophora Japonica</i>	Japanese Sophora.
<i>Spiræa Opulifolia</i>	Nine-Bark.
<i>S. Prunifolia, fl. pl.</i>	Bridal Wreath; Plum-leaved Spiræa.
<i>S. Reevesii</i>	Reeve's Spiræa.
<i>S. Salicifolia</i>	Common Meadow-Sweet.
<i>S. Thunbergii</i>	Thunberg's Spiræa.
<i>S. Tomentosa</i>	Hardhack; Steeple Bush. [varieties.
<i>S. Van Houttei</i>	Van Houte's Spiræa. Some of these appear to be merely
<i>Staphylea Trifoliata</i>	Three-leaved Bladder Nut.
<i>Stewartia Pentagyna</i>	American Camellia.
<i>Symphoricarpos Racemosus</i>	Snowberry.
<i>S. Vulgaris</i>	Indian Currant; Coral-Berry.
<i>Syringa Japonica</i>	Japanese Tree-Lilac.
<i>S. Josikaa</i>	Josika, or French Lilac. A Transylvanian species.
<i>S. Persica</i>	Persian Lilac.
<i>S. Vulgaris</i>	Common Lilac, white and purple.
<i>Tamarix Gallica</i>	French Tamarisk.
<i>T. Indica</i>	Asiatic Tamarisk.
<i>Taxodium Distichum</i>	Southern Cypress; Am. Bald Cypress.
<i>Thuja Occidentalis</i>	Arbor Vitæ; White Cedar.
<i>Tilia Americana</i>	Am. Linden; Basswood; White-wood.
<i>T. Europea</i>	Linden; Lime Tree.
<i>Tsuga (or Picea) Canadensis</i>	Hemlock; Hemlock Spruce.
<i>Ulmus Alata</i>	Am. Cork Elm; Winged Elm.
<i>U. Americana</i>	American Elm; White Elm.
<i>U. Campestris</i>	English Elm. One is golden-leaved.
<i>U. Fulva</i>	Slippery Elm; Red Elm.
<i>U. Montana</i>	Scotch Elm.
<i>Vaccinium Stamineum</i>	Deerberry; Squaw Huckleberry.
<i>Viburnum Acerifolium</i>	Dockmackie; Arrow-wood; Maple-leaved Virburnum.
<i>V. Dentata</i>	Arrow-wood.
<i>V. Lantana</i>	Am. Wayfaring Tree; Hobble Bush.
<i>V. Lentago</i>	Sweet Virburnum; Sheepberry.
<i>V. Opulus</i>	Cranberry Tree; Guelder Rose; Snowball.
<i>V. Plicatum</i>	Japanese Snowball.
<i>Virgilia Lutea</i>	See <i>Cladrastis</i> .
<i>Vitis Cordifolia</i>	Frost Grape; Chicken Grape.
<i>Weigela Rosea</i>	See <i>Diervilla</i> .
<i>Wistaria Sinensis</i>	Chinese Wistaria.
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Dated at Hartford, this 14th day of March, A.D. 1893.

Attest : SHERMAN W. ADAMS,
President.

+ Papaw

+ Idecia

+ *Elaeagnus longipes*

Orange Orange

Chestnut-leaved Oak

Quercus binoides; Sweet or Cheunguapin Oak

Wick Raby, or Sea Turnwood

+ Green Birch

Fox Birch

Burn-barked Birch

Strawberry

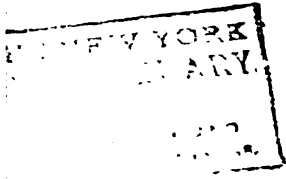
California Red-eye

Rose Acacia

Hackmatack

Andromeda racemosa

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FRANCIS GOODWIN.

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SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *and President*.

Term expires 1896.

GURDON W. RUSSELL.

Term expires 1897.

EDWIN P. PARKER, *and Secretary*.

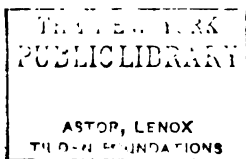
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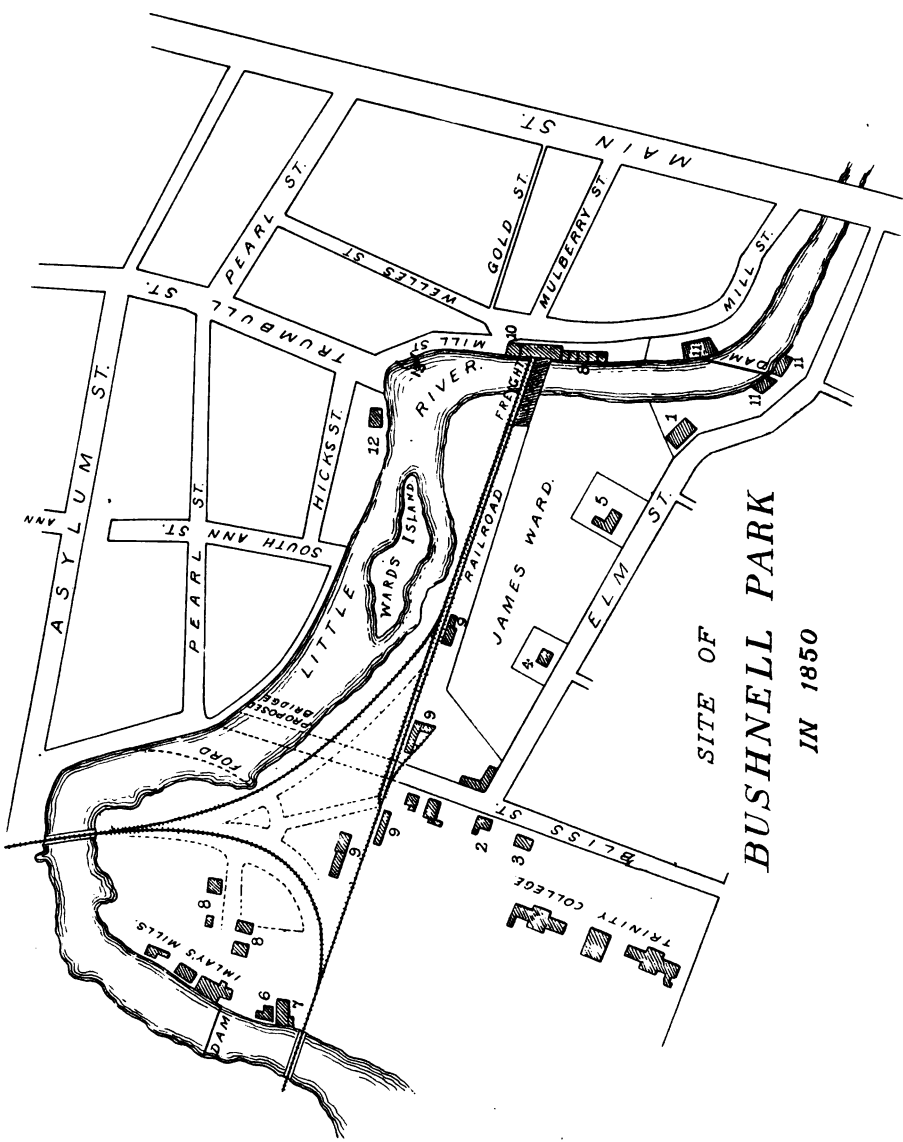
WILLIAM DELOSS LOVE.

Term expires 1899.

Foreman.

HERMAN T. HULL.





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LOOKING WEST FROM EAST END OF PARK POND.

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OFFICE OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS,
CITY OF HARTFORD,

April 1, 1895.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council :

The Board of Park Commissioners respectfully presents herewith its Thirty-fifth Annual Report :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

On hand from last year (March 31, 1894),	\$6.97
Appropriated for 1894-95,	12,500.00
	<u>\$12,506.97</u>

EXPENDED.

For 52 weekly pay-rolls,	7,641.42
“ all other bills (through City Treasurer),	4,151.67
“ 13 small bills (paid by the Chairman),	7.02
	<u>\$11,800.11</u>
Amount remaining unexpended,	706.86
	<u>\$12,506.97</u>

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, April 1, 1895.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing statement, and compared it with the vouchers on file in this office, and find the same to be correct.

CHAS. H. ROBINS,

City Auditor.

If the expenditures be placed in groups, and classified, the results will be seen as follows :

Paid on 52 weekly pay-rolls,	\$7,641.42
“ “ bridge work,	498.53
“ “ asphalt walks,	2,116.80
“ “ driveways, curbing, etc., sprinkling streets,	384.19
“ “ electric lighting,	120.00
“ “ plumbing (mostly at house of comfort),	218.29

Paid on oils, chemicals, toilette paper, etc.,	\$23.82
" " printing, stationery, etc.,	77.77
" " paints, varnish, etc.,	11.19
" " cement,	21 00
" " trees, shrubs, and plants,	175.50
" " masonry on Memorial Arch,	131.10
" " lumber, joinery, and woodwork,	89.17
" " iron-work, blacksmithing, etc.,	131.98
" " tools, hardware, grass-seed, and supplies,	115.35
" " fuel,	44.00
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THE PARKS IN GENERAL.

The foregoing financial statement relates to the care of the following-named areas :

1. Bushnell Park and its buildings.
2. Washington Street Park.
3. Tunnell Park (cared for, but not owned by the city).
4. Village Street Park.
5. Buckingham Square Park.
6. South Green Park.
7. Franklin Avenue Park.
8. Retreat Avenue Park.
9. City Hall Square (exclusive of the building thereon.)

In addition, by request of the town of Hartford, the care of the Memorial Arch has been assumed by this board.

With the exception of No. 1, in the foregoing list, none of these areas are parks, in a correct sense of the word. All the others are known to landscape architects as park-places or park-ways; excepting the City Hall Square, which is a public square. We may add, that this square is not really under the control of this board; but, at the request of the City Hall Committee (in whose control it is), we have cared for its lawns and walks, with the understanding that we should be reimbursed therefor, in case of necessity.

Excepting in the case of Bushnell Park, we are not aware that any of these areas has ever been officially named. We recommend that the city surveyors be directed to survey, or cause to be surveyed, each of them: and that he define their respective boundaries, and ascertain the amount of surface contained in each; giving a plot showing lines of walks, drains, water pipes; the location of structures, principal trees, etc.

There is nothing of record, so far as we know, showing what part of the old Trinity College grounds was given to the State as

a site for its Capitol. This should also be ascertained and defined. The State has, since the completion of that structure, assumed the care of what was the college land; not (as we understand) under a claim of title to its ownership, but with the assent of this city, and in the interest of harmonious treatment of the plats adjacent to the Capitol.

There is a line of buildings along the north side of Buckingham Square, and fronting upon that square. This part of that area is (by the license of the Court of Common Council), allowed to be enclosed as a front lawn for the buildings (residences), in question. But there should be an established line, fixed by bound-stones, showing the position of the northern boundary of the city property. It is believed that the front steps of the houses there are within the city's domain.

The line separating Bushnell Park from the Daniels mill property, so called, is not marked by any bound-stones. This should also be attended to. The same situation exists, as to the lines separating the Washington Street Park, Franklin Avenue Park, and Retreat Avenue Park, from the private lands adjoining them respectively. All these should be defined and indicated by suitable bound-stones.

There is a section of land, bounded northerly by Asylum Avenue, and Westerly by Sigourney Street, belonging to the city. Under present arrangements this area is taken in by the occupants of lands adjoining the same, on the south, and treated as lawn surface by them respectively. In some cases, they have maintained a fence along the south line of Asylum Street. Such fences should be removed, and the line of demarcation between the public and private property involved should be distinctly and permanently marked.

BUSHNELL PARK.

Asphalt Walks. Walks of asphalt were laid last summer adjoining the pond, on both the north and south sides; and also extending from the pond, easterly to near the House of Comfort. The cost (exclusive of the grading, which was done by Park laborers) amounted to \$2,116.18. This was in excess of the amount appropriated for that purpose, which was \$2,000; so that \$116.80 was paid therefor out of the general funds of the Park. There remain three walks, still in gravel, which should be asphalted. These are: one extending southwesterly, from the eastern end of the pond to Elm Street, near West Street; one from opposite to West Street, to Daniels Mill, parallel to Elm Street; and one

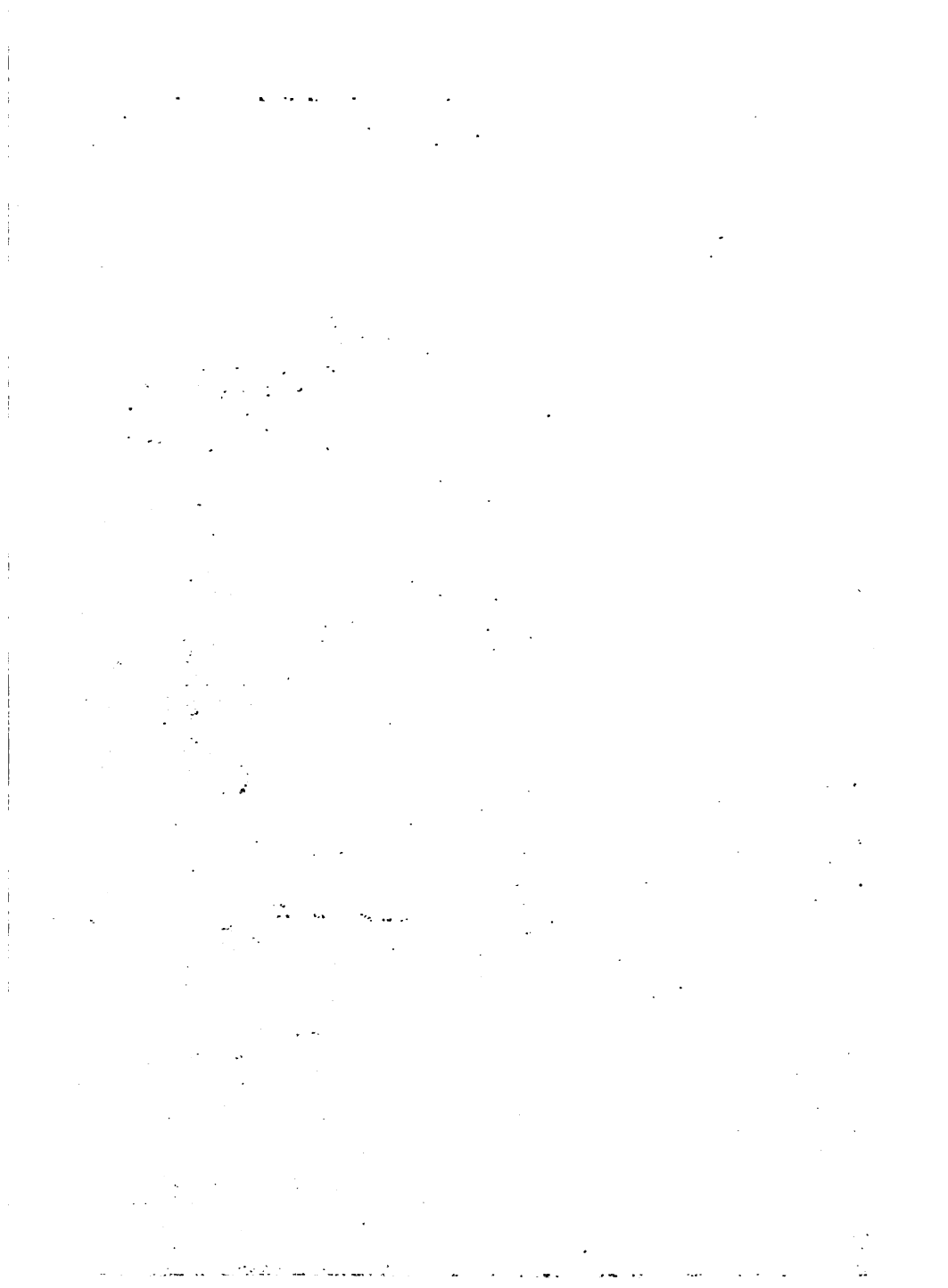
from the last-named walk, parallel to the river, northwesterly, to intersect with the walk between Mulberry Street and West Street. Besides these, the broken concrete walk (from the Mulberry Street bridge to the House of Comfort), and the gravel walk adjoining the park, on the western side of Ford Street need repairs.

Lawns. No new lawn surface has been added in the past year; but much attention has been paid to clearing the weeds therefrom. This is no easy task, considering the many acres which have been improved as lawn. We have pretty nearly freed the grounds from the millions of sprawling and smothering plantains that infested it ten years ago. These plants are perennial, and any which were overlooked in one season, were sure to be visible the following spring. Some other herbaceous plants have not been weeded out, for the reason that they were floriferous; and, to many eyes, they are pleasing to be seen. Of this class we may mention the dandelion and the heal-all (*Brunella vulgaris*). The *Houstonia cærulea*, or bluets, would come within this class; but plants of this species, on Bushnell Park, are quite rare.

Polygonum aviculare, which is a species of knotweed, has been very troublesome to us. It is an annual, naturalized from Europe, and is taking possession of neglected dooryards, everywhere. Our course of treatment has been to pull up plants which could be got hold of, and to prevent as many as possible from ripening their seed. But this is a great task to accomplish on an extensive area. It would be well for all people to rid their grounds of this pest, as well as the plantain; for it is easily spread to other grounds by the seeds being carried (especially when the grass is wet) on the feet of pedestrians. Probably some of the seeds are sown, being in the grass-seeds of commerce; and the manure of barnyards may contain some of the seeds.

Trees and Shrubs. We have done the usual amount of annual tree and shrub planting; most of the settings having been shrubs of the hardier species. It is to be regretted that there is no local nursery for this vicinity. There will always be some difficulty in getting strong and symmetrical trees and shrubs, when they are brought from a long distance, and without an opportunity to select the stock where it is growing. If we are so fortunate as to acquire possession of the Pond estate, there will be ample opportunity for this city to have thereon a nursery of its own.

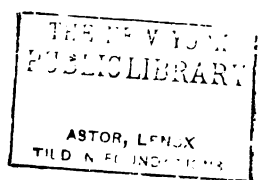
Many shrubs and small trees were injured by the crowds of people that assembled on the Park on the fourth of July last. We gathered up hundreds of twigs and smaller branches, especially on the West section, after the celebration was over. Some



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of the injuries were repaired, or made less noticeable as soon as possible; but there were cases in which the mischief could not be remedied otherwise than by beginning again, with a new shrub. It is not believed that damage was intentionally done, except in rare instances; but confusion and harsh usage are inevitable, where thousands of people are moving hither and thither (in the night season especially), upon lawns and amid shrubbery. Fortunately (for the Park), a shower of rain intervened, in the midst of the celebration with fireworks; and this revived the trodden, torn, and withered verdure.

Concerning the treatment which public grounds should receive at the hands (and feet) of visitors, the following lines from an address by the Superintendent of Parks of Buffalo, New York, delivered at the World's Fair Horticultural Congress in Chicago, are quite in point. He says :

"In every public ground there is a special beauty in a broad stretch of fresh-hued green sward, made to be looked at and not trod on. Park visitors in general think they can 'eat their cake and have it too'; enjoy the beauty of a finely kept lawn and yet daily trample the sod. All restrictions are resented, and each green lawn is coveted for games of some sort, to an extent incompatible with its preservation. Where the turf has any shade it is wanted as a 'picnic common,' with the same result. Margins of walks are obliterated in like manner, and beaten footways trod out wherever any short-cut can be found. There is no feature of a park so popular as a short cross-cut, especially if the practice is known to be a trespass. The license, at first overlooked, because no damage is yet apparent, then openly allowed because the usage is so common, soon spreads to like abuses of the shrubbery and younger trees, with results still more destructive. . . . Because, as a rule, the damage done by each trespasser is, in itself, scarcely perceptible, few realize the great destruction both to green-sward and shrubbery, which results from the constant repetition, day after day, of petty trespasses, each in itself insignificant.

"These usages are fatal to all artistic design; as shabby gentility is especially offensive to good taste. Their effects are more or less visible in all our public grounds, and most seriously deface what were originally the fairest portions. . . . The natural beauty of the simplest scenery is soon destroyed by such public usage. Therefore, whatever the style of improvement may be, it must be maintained intact after its kind, else all the money spent on it is worse than thrown away."

These sensible remarks from a leading authority in such matters have been received with the general approval of landscape artists. They apply more particularly to an area which, like Bushnell Park, is being treated as a public garden.

Since our last annual report some trees and shrubs, new to the park, have been added. Among these may be mentioned: *Idesia*, *Eleagnus longipes*, *Quercus Muhlenbergii* (chestnut-leaved oak), *Retinospora plumosa*, and *Robinia hispida* (rose acacia). On the other hand, about an equal number of species (whereof we had but one of each) must, for the present, be crossed off from our list, as published in our last report.

We are pleased to mention the following named people who have, in the past year, contributed shrubs or plants for Bushnell Park: Elisha S. Elmer, Edmond Browne, John D. Lapaugh, William B. May, and A. W. Budde, all of Hartford; Mrs. — Lord of East Hartford, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Adams of Wethersfield, and Mr. — Browne of Hadlyme. The last-named gentleman sent plants of the water chinquapin, or American lotus, which were placed in the park pond.

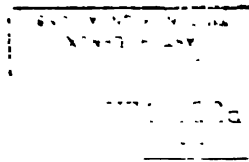
Plants. We have added little to our stock of flowering plants, but have increased the number of our *wild* flowers, especially around the pond. This appears to be the safest place, and a very appropriate one withal. The enclosing wire-netting is a good protection of the plants from the destructive trespasses of dogs, one of the most injurious invaders of the park grounds. It is quite likely that the pitcher plants, cardinal flowers, and marsh marigolds—and some of the irises and swamp rose-mallows (*Hibiscus moschentosus*) have been cut to pieces by the skates and heels of the people frequenting the pond the past winter. We suppose it would be within our power to prohibit this form of destruction, but so long as there are so many people who prefer the skating to the preservation and enjoyment of the shrubbery and plants during the spring, summer, and autumnal months, perhaps the present (and past) condition of things must be tolerated. We wish, however, that this kind of athletic sport might be exercised in other places, instead of this one.

River Walls. No progress has been made the past year toward completion of retaining-walls along Park River. There remain the following sections which should be provided with such supporting masonry: first, from Ford street bridge to Trumbull street bridge, on the left bank; second, between Trumbull street and Mulberry street bridges, left bank; third, from Mulberry street bridge to Daniels' mill, right bank; fourth, part of the section between Mulberry street bridge and Daniels' mill, left bank.

As to the first of the above-named sections—it will be impracticable to construct a retaining-wall for it until such



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arrangements shall have been made with the owners of the Daniels mill-privilege as will give us the right to place the wall far out in the present river bed or waterway. The work should be done in such manner that it would result in forming additional dry land adjoining Jewell street, and at the same time in reclaiming a filthy shoal in the river, of about the same extent. The other sections named could probably be completed, as to retaining-walls, without changing the width of the waterway to any appreciable extent.

It is exceedingly desirable that the city acquire the flowage-right that belongs to the Daniels property; but it would be still better to acquire the title to the mills, also, and to the lands to which they are appurtenant.

Bridges. All bridges are in fair condition as to their respective superstructures, but the underlying masonry of each needs pointing with good Portland cement. In the case of the Mulberry street bridge, its eastern abutment needs to be relaid, as it is in danger of falling into the river. It overhangs perhaps twenty inches. And it would be well not only to relay this abutment, but, in connection therewith, to build a strong and somewhat high river-wall from Mulberry street bridge to that at the foot of Trumbull street.

Since our last report there have been placed upon and adjacent to the Memorial Arch and the Ford street bridge, several iron poles (posts) and wires have been attached to them. This has been done by the Hartford Street Railway Company. This was done by express permission of the street department, and, as we are informed, upon the advice of the city surveyor. It is understood, however, that the present arrangement is but a temporary expedient. Waiving the question of our authority in the premises, we believe that the street department will coöperate with us in seeing to it that a change shall soon be made in the location and style of the present unsightly fixtures in question. We are further led to believe that the street railway company will adopt our suggestions, and make changes in accordance therewith.

The addition of the lamps upon the Ford street bridge, and the lighting them, is not only a great improvement, but, at the same time, is the completion of the original design for the whole structure. The street department deserves credit for supplying this crowning feature of the whole work.

House of Comfort. This building has been improved by the removal of the trap-closets (on the men's side) and the substitu-

tion of automatic flushing-tanks in their stead. The new arrangement seems to be well-nigh perfect.

ADDITIONAL PARKS.

Since the issuing of our last annual report, such action has been taken as to insure the city's possession of several new areas for park purposes. The public is under increased obligations to in some proper manner, perpetuate the memory of its generous benefactors. With the opportunities soon to be afforded, there will be no longer need of our city remaining behind its sister cities in the matter of public parks, with all their refining, comfort-giving, and educational influences. And the names of Pope, Pond, and Keney are to be added to the list of donors (of lesser gifts) whose bounties are already making Hartford rich in these public possessions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SHERMAN W. ADAMS,
GURDON W. RUSSELL,
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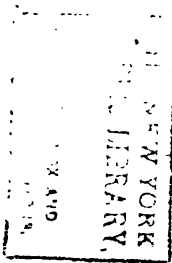
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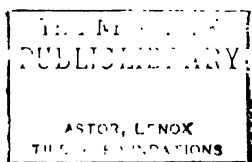
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Asst. Commr.



LOOKING NORTHWEST; THE WARD ELM IN THE CENTER.



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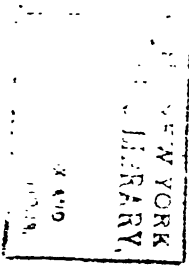
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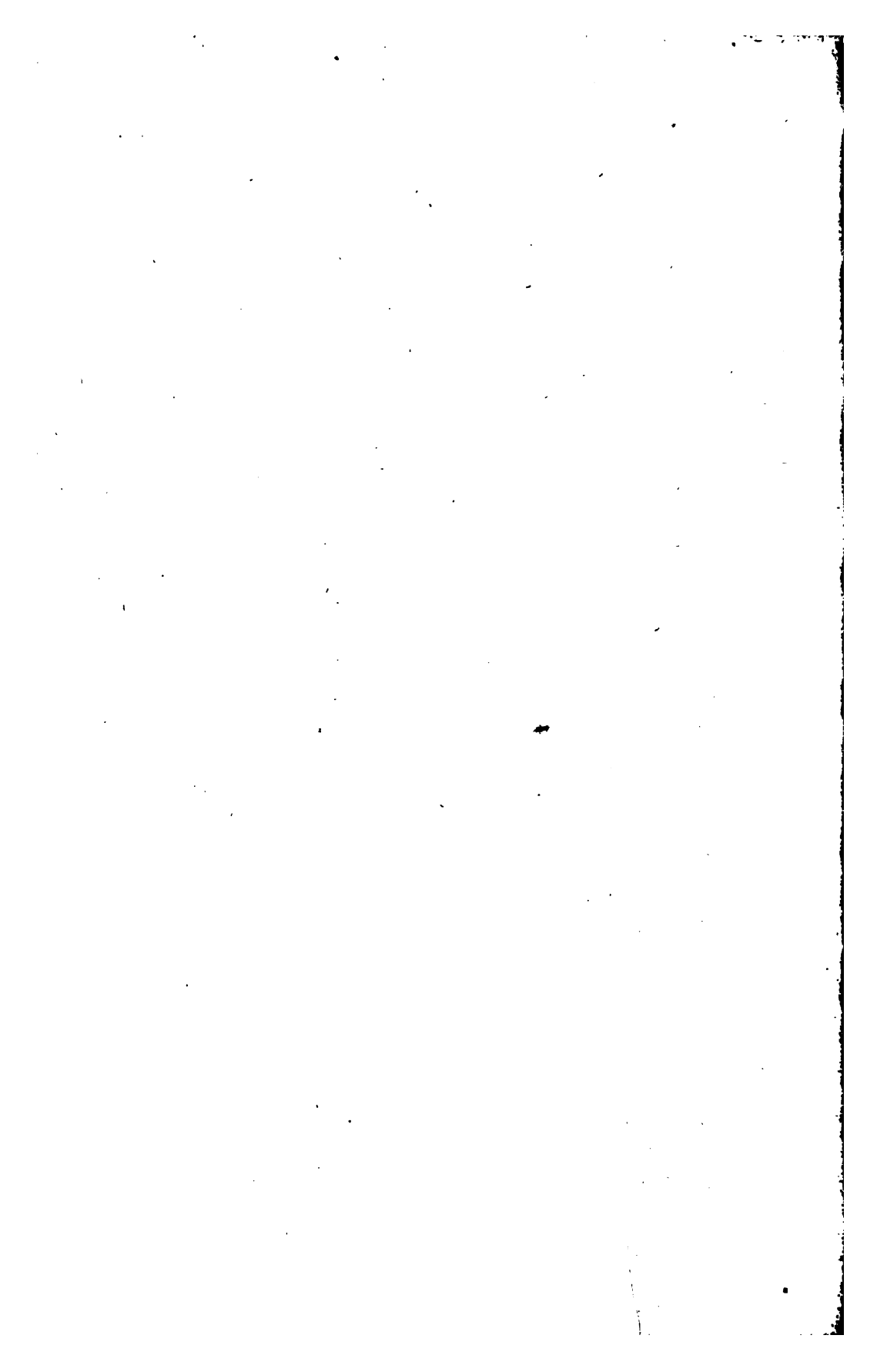
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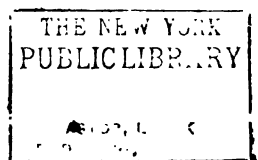
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Handwritten signature: Mrs. P. H. ...







OLDEST ELM TREE IN BUSHNELL PARK, VIEW NEAR DANIELS' MILL.

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CHARLES E. GROSS, *and Vice-President*.

Term expires May 1, 1903.

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Until May 1, 1896.

GURDON W. RUSSELL.

Until April 18, 1897.

EDWIN P. PARKER.

Until April 17, 1898.

WILLIAM DELOSS LOVE.

Until April 16, 1899.

WILLIS I. TWITCHELL.

Until May 1, 1901.

LUCIUS F. ROBINSON.

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Until May 1, 1904.

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COMMITTEES.

On Finance.

MESSRS. GOODWIN, GROSS, DAY, AND LOVE.

On Employment.

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On Auditing.

MESSRS. ROBINSON AND GARVAN.

Superintendent.

THEODORE WIRTH.

Foreman.

HERMAN T. HULL.

Landscape Architects (when required).

OLMSTED, OLMSTED & ELIOT.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
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To the Honorable Court of Common Council :

Herewith is presented the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of this Board, being for the thirteen months ending April 30, 1896, and the First Annual Report of the Reorganized Board, for the twelve months ending at the same date :

REORGANIZATION.

A Special Act of the General Assembly (as passed March 21, 1895, and amended April 24, 1895) provided that the Parks then in existence, and thereafter to be established, whether within or without the corporate limits of this City, should be under the management, care, and control of this Board; that said Board should consist of ten members, in addition to the Mayor, who should be, *ex officio*, a member thereof. The five persons then members of the old Board were to continue in office, in the new Board, during their then unexpired terms of office, respectively; but on or before the first day of May, 1895, should, with the Mayor, meet and appoint five additional members of this Board, to serve for the terms of six, seven, eight, nine, and ten years, respectively.

Pursuant to said Act, the old members, with Mayor Brainard, met March 30, 1895, and appointed new members, viz. : Messrs. Willis I. Twitchell, Lucius F. Robinson, Charles E. Gross, George H. Day, and Patrick Garvan, to hold office for the terms of six, seven, eight, nine, and ten years, respectively, their terms of office to commence on the first day of May then next ensuing. Said appointments were submitted to, and confirmed by, the Board of Aldermen, April 15, 1895.

On May 1, 1895, Francis Goodwin (whose term of office had expired in April) was re-appointed a Commissioner for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1895. And on the same date

Messrs. Goodwin, Gross, and Adams were elected to the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary, respectively.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

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An office for the transaction of business was necessary, and was authorized by said Act. As the Mayor was unable to assign a suitable office in any public building, the Board, acting as provided by the charter, has leased two rooms in the Gas Company's building, with a vault, at a monthly rental of \$37.50. The limit allowed for such purposes was \$50 per month.

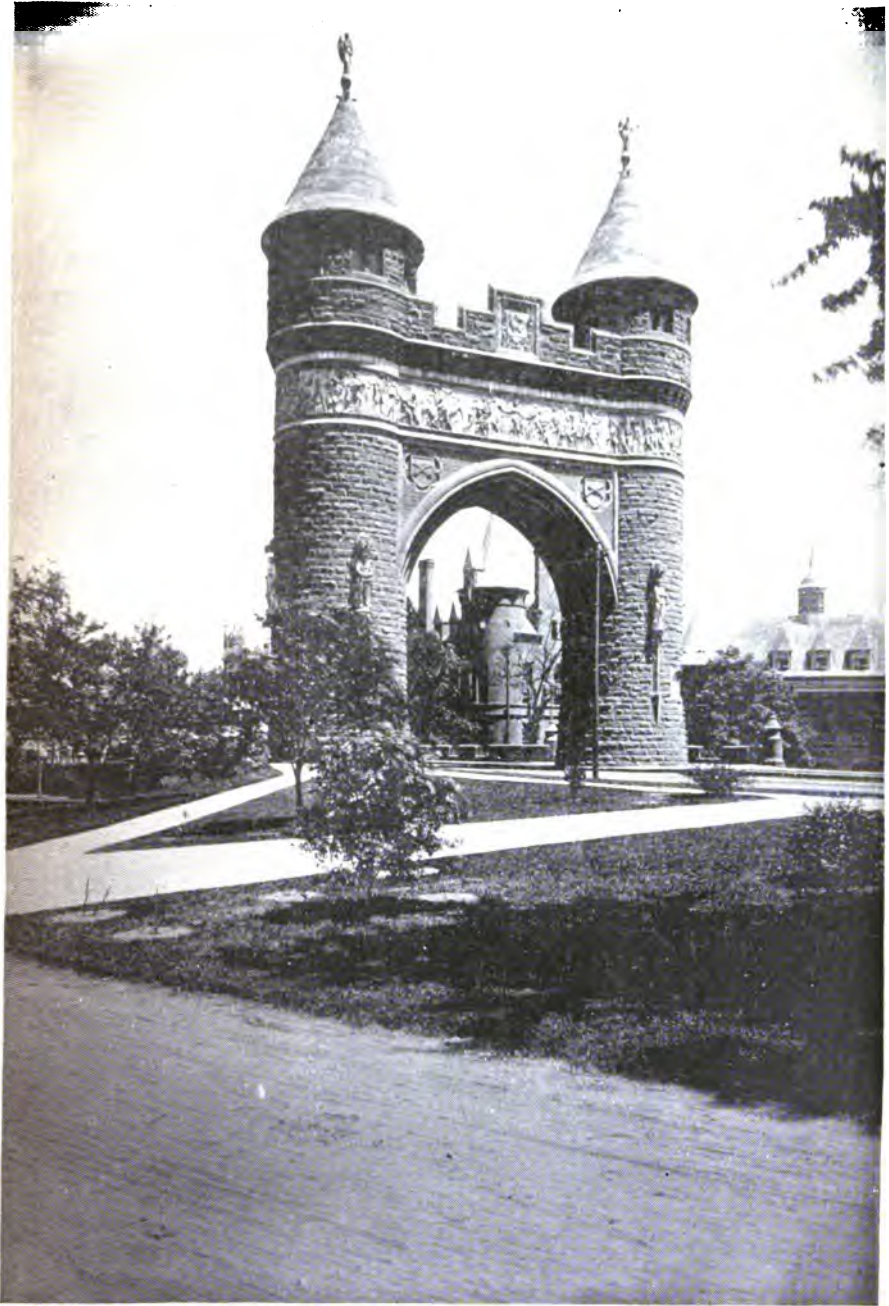
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PARK IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

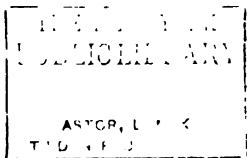
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THE TAX FUND.

The Act of reorganization authorized a tax of five cents upon each one hundred dollars of value of all property within the City taxable for municipal purposes. Upon the grand list of 1894, there had been collected to April 1, 1896, the sum of \$23,788.91 for Park purposes. The details of expenditures incurred and



MEMORIAL ARCH—LOOKING NORTHEAST.
Y. M. C. A. BUILDING IN BACKGROUND.



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SUPERINTENDENT.

For the first time in the history of this department, a regular and experienced superintendent, Mr. Theodore Wirth, has been appointed by this Board. The new law provides that such an official may be appointed (one or more), as well as engineers, architects, etc. For the past twelve years, Commissioner Adams has, in addition to his duties as president (until last year), combined the duties of acting superintendent and acting secretary. The present superintendent took office March 1, 1896, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. The south room of the tool-house on Bushnell Park has been prepared and is now occupied by him as his office.

Mr. Wirth is about 33 years of age, and a native of Winterthur, Switzerland. He has lived in this country since 1888, and has been employed in the care of grounds at New York city and at the Niagara Falls Reservation, and elsewhere. Prior to his coming to this country, he had taken courses of study in technical high schools in Switzerland, had spent two years in gardens in and near London, Eng., and a year in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, and a year in new parks of that city.

SECRETARY.

The only other salaried officer of this Board is that of secretary. Commissioner Adams was elected such May 1, 1895, at the salary of \$500 per year, the legal limit of compensation. All officers are elected annually.

An inventory of the personal property belonging to this department was taken March 31, 1896, and is on file in this office. A schedule of lands purchased during the past year is contained in the appendix to this report.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS.

Thorough and accurate surveys have been ordered for each of the areas under our control, with a view to depicting on suitable maps the extent of surface and (by contour lines) the altitudes of them, with correctness. Boundary lines will be determined and defined by suitable bound-marks. Roads, driveways, and walks will be indicated, likewise water-courses, bridges, buildings, monuments, trees, shrubbery, and other superficial objects, including lines of poles, wires, pipes (water and gas), sewers, drains, etc.

The surveys of Bushnell Park (including grounds around the Capitol, by permission of the Comptroller), the Park next to the river (not yet named), and the South Green are completed. Others are soon to be done.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

It is obvious that, with the proposed system of new parks almost encircling the city, and to be connected, as far as may be, by parkways, some comprehensive and harmonious plan and scheme must be prepared and become the basis of our operations in the future. With this idea in view, we have secured the services of the distinguished firm of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, as they shall be needed from time to time, in the development of the system. They will receive copies of surveys of the several park areas as they are completed ; and design plans of improvement suited to them respectively. The first of these surveys, that of the east side, next the river, is now in their hands for development. It is worthy of notice that the senior member of this firm is not only the leading authority in this country, on the subject of parks, but he is a native of Hartford, and is deeply interested in its welfare.

BUSHNELL PARK AND OTHER EXISTING PARKS.

In Bushnell Park no new work has been done in the past year, in the matter of river walls, driveways, or buildings. The terrace steps have been repaired and partly rebuilt. The tool-house has been newly shingled, and an office fitted therein for the superintendent ; and the House of Comfort supplied with entirely new plumbing (on the woman's side), with automatic flushing tanks, like those of the men's side, which have worked satisfactorily. A new and larger supply pipe has been laid thereto, from Elm street. A police call-box has been placed on this building.

The drinking fountain, near the House of Comfort, has been removed from the north side of the walk (where it was standing before said house was built) to the south side of the walk ; and (pursuant to a plan proposed by Mr. Wirth) the lines of narrow walks for immediate access to the House of Comfort have been entirely changed, and the whole environment of shrubbery, etc., readjusted on a new plan.

Within the past year a new section of the main walk (from Mulberry street bridge to the Wells statue) has been laid. It is of Swiss rock-asphalt. A contract has been made for laying the

three remaining gravel walks, in the east section of said Park, with the same material. The three bridges in Bushnell Park are to be repainted at once, pursuant to contract already awarded.

South Green. In response to a somewhat popular demand, plans have been prepared for replacing the existing gravel walks of this area with one of the approved kinds of asphalt material. It is probable that some modifications of the lines of walks will be made, and some shrubbery planted. Some consideration of these matters has occupied part of our time the past winter.

Other and Minor Parks. These include : that at the intersection of Village and Windsor streets, and not officially named ; at the junction of Maple and Franklin Avenues, and still unnamed ; at the junction of Maple and Retreat Avenues, and still unnamed ; Buckingham Square (its official title) ; at the junction of Washington and Lafayette streets, and still unnamed ; and the Tunnel Park (so popularly called), which is held under a lease terminable at the will of the railway corporations owning it. We have made no material changes in these areas.

City Hall Square. This area was never expressly placed in our control and care, but for some years, at the request of the City Hall committee, we have taken the care of its lawns and walks. On the 14th of October, 1895, this charge was, by vote of the Court of Common Council, assumed by it, and delegated to the City Hall committee.

SIGOURNEY SQUARE.

This tract is bounded north by Sargent street, 333.48 feet ; east by Sigourney street, 330.8 feet ; south by Ashley street, 347.30 feet ; and west by May street, 330 feet. By vote of the Court of Common Council, passed Dec. 9, 1895, it was declared, " That said City of Hartford accepts the property [part of the old Town Farm] hereinbefore named and described, known as Sigourney Square, for the purposes of a public park, and will, henceforth, assume the care and maintenance of the same, for the uses named." This action, in effect if not in terms, places the tract within our jurisdiction. We have, accordingly, assumed this additional charge, and have already done some work upon this area, among which is the construction of a gravel sidewalk adjoining Sargent street.

POPE PARK.

On the evening of November 15, 1894, Col. Albert A. Pope of Boston, Mass., president of the Pope Manufacturing Company,

whose factory is located in this City, met a number of our citizens who had assembled at his request, at the trustees' room of the Wadsworth Atheneum. Among those present were the Rev. Francis Goodwin, presiding ; Charles E. Gross, secretary ; Col. A. A. Pope, George H. Day, Mayor Brainard, Messrs. S. W. Adams, E. P. Parker, and W. De Loss Love of the Park Commission, President J. M. Allen and Secretary P. H. Woodward of the Board of Trade, the Hon. James L. Howard and Charles H. Clark.

Col. Pope stated that the object of the meeting was to submit to the proper municipal authorities his offer to give to the City of Hartford about seventy-three acres of land, situated in the southwestern part of the City, for the establishment of a public park, upon certain conditions as contained in his written proposition.

After a few explanatory remarks he then presented to the chairman of the meeting, the Rev. Francis Goodwin, and through him to his Honor, Mayor Brainard, who was present, his written proposition or offer, which so clearly sets forth his desire to benefit our City in a broad and generous way, that this Board deems it proper to print the same in full in Appendix D to this report. At the same time Col. Pope also presented a similar and generous offer from the Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company, to give for the same purpose about two acres of valuable land on Capitol Avenue, and the proposition of The Watkinson Juvenile Asylum or Farm School, and of the Hartford Orphan Asylum, to sell to the City ten acres and four and one-half acres respectively, of wooded land on the bank of the river, for nominal prices, in order that the whole might be established in connection with the land offered by Col. Pope as one park.

On the 26th of November, 1894, his Honor transmitted said proposition to the Common Council, with a special message, which so admirably sets forth the case, that a copy is also printed in Appendix D. These propositions were subsequently referred to a committee of the council, who made a report on the 27th day of January, 1895, recommending the passage of a resolution (printed in Appendix E) which was passed. This action was subsequently ratified at a City meeting called for the purpose, on the 30th day of January, 1895. By this action, the City not only accepted the propositions of Col. Pope and of the Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company, upon the conditions named, but also became obligated, as it would seem, to accept and pay for the land of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School, and of The Hartford Orphan Asylum, as well as to lay out the highways designated in said offers.



BUSHNELL PARK. VIEW FROM TRUMBULL STREET BRIDGE, LOOKING SOUTHWEST.

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On the day of July, 1895, the City duly abandoned Summit street. On the 20th day of November, 1895, Col. Pope tendered to the City a deed of the land described in his offer of Nov. 15, 1894, and also included therein about four acres of very valuable land contiguous to the other tracts, and which this Board was very desirous of having embraced in the Park.

By this additional gift Col. Pope has again manifested his great generosity and his desire to substantially benefit our City.

The Hartford Real Estate Improvement Co. also tendered its deed, and both were duly accepted by the City Council, and have been placed on record.

The highways have not yet been laid out. A formal application, therefore, was made to the Council on the 20th day of November, 1895, giving the outlines of said highways. We understand that the City Surveyor is now surveying the grades, preparatory to the legal establishment of the highways.

The application for the lay-out of said highways was made in behalf of Col. Pope and the corporations, who were the other parties to said offers of land to the City, and contained the following enlargement of said offers, to wit :

"The lay-out of said highways will be accepted by us as a compliance with the conditions and requirements in relation thereto contained in our respective offers to the City of Hartford of lands for Park purposes, which offers are all dated the 15th day of November, 1894, and to which reference may be had for a fuller description.

"In consideration of the lay-out of said highways as above, we hereby waive compliance on the part of the City of the 'third' express condition contained in the said offer of Albert A. Pope, to which reference may be had.

"We also agree that all time limits mentioned and stated in the 'second,' 'fourth,' and 'fifth' conditions, as set forth in said offer of Albert A. Pope, shall be and hereby are extended, so far as we are concerned, until the first day of April, 1897."

In the report of the Ways and Means Committee of the Common Council, dated March 25, 1895, and accepted that day by the Common Council, was the following recommendation :

PARK DEPARTMENT.

We recommend an appropriation for ordinary expenses,	\$10,500
For asphalt walks,	2,000
For the purchase of real estate designed to form a part of Pope Park,	15,000
The cost of improving this new park we are unable to ascertain,	

and we recommend that provision be made by special appropriations by the next council.

If, however, legislation now pending, making provision for the purchase and maintenance of our parks by taxation and the issue of bonds, should become a law in season to be operative this year, the above appropriation (if made) to be null and void.

The amendment to the charter of the City of Hartford, enlarging the Board of Park Commissioners, and greatly increasing and defining its powers, was approved and became operative on the 21st day of March, 1895, but the same is, undoubtedly, the "legislation now pending," which was referred to in the report of the Ways and Means Committee, as above quoted.

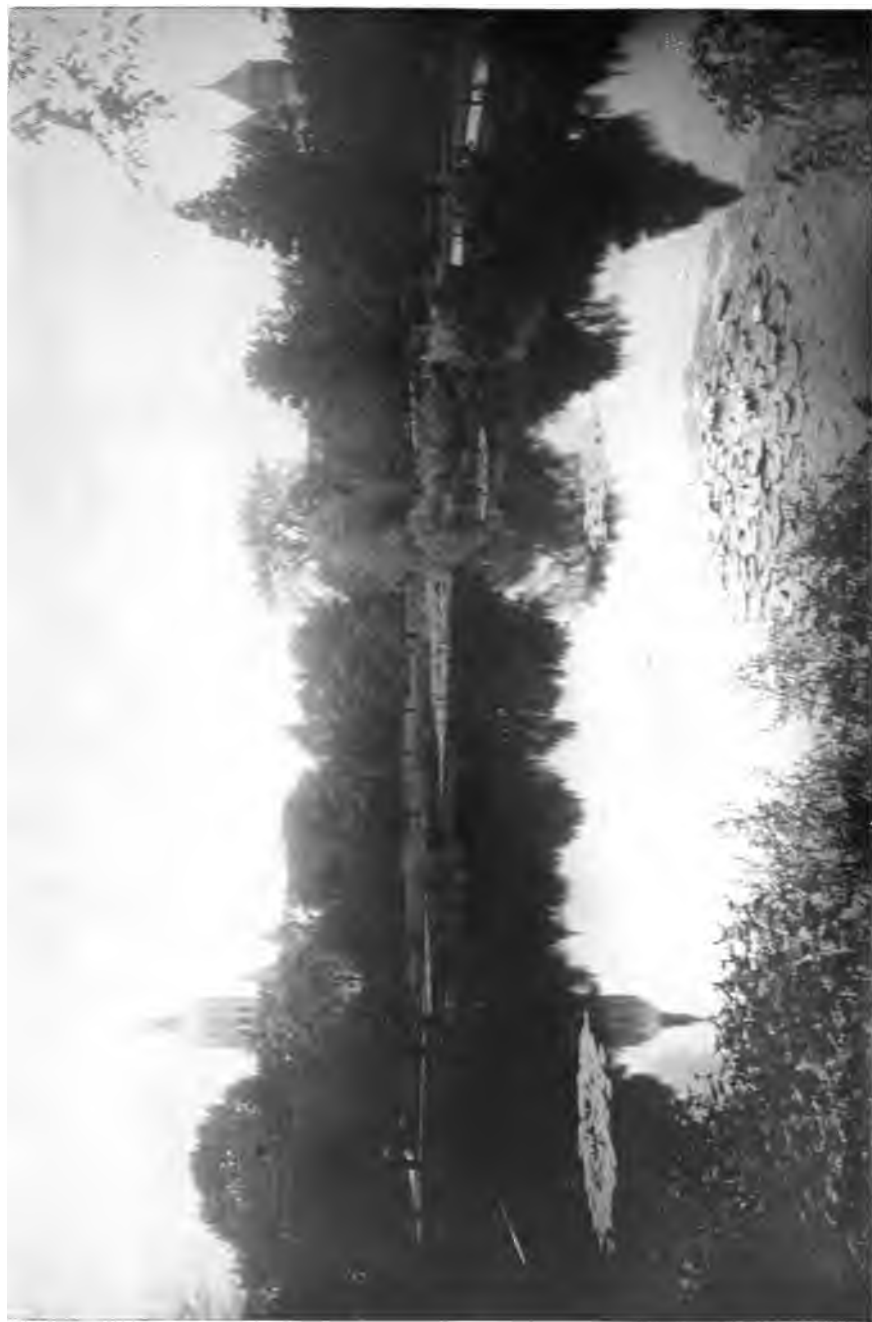
Notwithstanding the obligation of the City to pay for the lands of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School and of the Hartford Orphan Asylum, as above stated, certain officials of the City at the time claimed that the appropriation of \$15,000 therefor, which was made by the Council as above stated, became null and void by its own provisions, and that this Board must pay for said land out of the funds credited to this department, as the proceeds of the bonds sold by the City on the 2d day of March, 1896. This Board accordingly, but under protest, passed the following vote.

WHEREAS, in November, 1894, Col. Albert A. Pope offered to give certain lands to the City of Hartford for Park purposes, upon certain conditions, among which was one that the City should acquire by purchase for Park purposes certain lands owned by the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School and by the Hartford Orphan Asylum ;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Hartford subsequently accepted Col. Pope's offer and also the offers of said Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School and the Hartford Orphan Asylum, with reference to said lands ; and

WHEREAS, some of the officials of the City claim that payment for said lands must now be made by the Board from funds standing to its credit, to wit : the proceeds of bonds sold by the City for Park purposes ;

AND WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Board that the City of Hartford was obligated to pay for said lands, under its acceptance of said offers, previous to the passage of the amendment of the charter of the City of Hartford, under which this Board is constituted, and that the payment of said sum was not contemplated when the sum of \$300,000 was fixed as the amount necessary to enable this Board to establish a Park system, and if the same is now paid, it will materially diminish the funds available for acquiring Park property under the provisions of said amendment of the City's charter, yet it seems desirable to obtain said lands at once so as to facilitate the laying-out of said Park ;



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Now Voted, that the officers of this Board be directed to acquire said lands of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School, and of the Hartford Orphan Asylum, and to pay therefor out of said funds now standing with the City Treasurer to the credit of this Board, and to file with the City Treasurer a statement of the facts in the case under which said payments are made.

This Board regards it as a matter for congratulation that the City has acquired this property for Park purposes. For many years the Park Commissioners have considered the special adaptability of this property for a Park, and desired that the same, if possible, should be acquired, but no opportunity offered whereby we could recommend its purchase. Through the generous gift of Col. Pope, the desire of this Board has now been accomplished.

PARK ALONG CONNECTICUT RIVER.

This was established by this Board by its vote passed July 1, 1895. As originally passed, it provided for the acquisition of the tract bounded: northerly, by land of the New York & New England Railroad Co.; east, by Connecticut River; south, by land of the Board of Water Commissioners; west, by Water street and the Meadow Road; and (if land could be obtained at reasonable prices), the western boundary should be made far enough west to include the lands between the above-described tract, on the east, and North Front street and said railroad on the west. Afterward, Sept. 30, 1895, it was voted to extend said area southerly, so as to include rights of way over the remaining lots (including lands of the Water Commissioners), making an additional tract bounded: north, by land lately of the Hartford Ice Co.; east, by said river; south by Morgan street; west, by the Connecticut Valley Railroad. As thus enlarged, the whole Park would be bounded: north, by the New York & New England Railroad; east, by Connecticut River; south, by Morgan street and the Connecticut Valley Railroad; west by the New York & New England Railroad, and comprise perhaps 75 acres. Of this a tract of about 40 acres (with ice-houses, etc., on it) has already been purchased from the Hartford Ice Co., and it is hoped that the lands (including the grounds of the Pumping Station) below said Ice Company's land, down to Morgan street will be leased for park purposes. The remaining lots of private owners (east of Water street) and that of the Clifford estate (west of said street) have already been bought.

This Park (not yet named), while not one in the proposed

encircling chain of parks, will, as we believe, prove to be one of the most frequented and enjoyable of all. It lies in a section very close to a large center of population, and its (not very elaborate nor expensive) improvement as a Park would at the same time result in the abatement of sundry public nuisances. Save when flooded (which will sometimes happen, as recently has been the case) it will be easily accessible to visitors. Its approachability by boats on the river is another feature in its favor. It is already much resorted to by ball-players, skaters, etc. When improved there will be more of this class than at present. The ice-houses that were on this tract when bought have been removed, and the dwelling-houses, seven in all, will soon follow.

This Park still lacks an official name, and is sometimes spoken of as the "Riverside Park." This is a somewhat descriptive, but not an authorized appellation. It is a somewhat common designation in other cities and not sufficiently distinctive for that reason. Among other titles suggested is that of "Pequot" Park, both for historic reasons and as a memorial to commemorate Hartford soldiers who fought in the first Indian campaign in Connecticut Colony.

In the two Pequot campaigns of 1637, sixty-one soldiers from Hartford served; under what difficulties and hardships and with what wonderful success is well known. Some of these soldiers fought in both campaigns, and hence it is probable that the actual number of individual campaigners was not more than about forty-five, certainly those of the first one were forty-two in number. Their grateful townspeople, prior to 1640, rewarded 42 (or more) of these Pequot soldiers with lots of land, in severalty, in this meadow. The lands so given lay west of the Meadow Creek, and are partly secured already for this Park. The whole tract was designated "The Soldiers' Field," and falls within the area proposed for park purposes.

PARK AT THE SOUTH END OF THE TOWN.

This has not been named. Its boundary lines have not been finally determined upon, but (independently of connecting parkways) they will be about as follows: North, by South street; east, by Back Lane (so called) produced southerly; south, by a driveway to be laid out, a little below the north boundary line of Wethersfield; westerly by Maple Avenue. This will probably be the southernmost of the chain of parks to be formed. Its favorable situation was approved and recommended Oct. 30, 1895, in



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a letter to that effect from Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Elliot, the distinguished landscape architects. It includes a considerable of primitive forest and some small water-courses.

On Nov. 4, 1895, this Board formally established said Park, and since that date considerable of the land proposed to be taken has been secured by purchase. Probably, in but few cases, it will be necessary to resort to proceedings of legal condemnation. Its area will not be far from 150 acres.

THE KENEY AND POND TRACTS.

By the last will of the late Henry Keney, Esq., one of Hartford's most public-spirited, benevolent, and respected citizens, ample provision was made for a larger park area than will be included in any one of the series, possibly larger than all combined. This will be in the north section of the town. Said will was probated Nov. 26, 1894.

By the last will of the late Hon. Charles M. Pond (deceased Aug. 30, 1894) provision was made for an additional Park in the northwest section of the township.

It had been purposed to report somewhat of the present status of these two areas, etc., but the time is premature and plans are not sufficiently developed. We can say simply that the Board of Park Commissioners have under consideration the extension of their system by a parkway northward from Pope Park and westward to connect with the Pond Park (should that ever come into possession of the City), and with the Keney Park, which is now in process of construction.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board,

FRANCIS GOODWIN, *President.*

SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly:

SECTION 1. That the public parks of the city of Hartford, now in existence, and those which may hereafter be established, whether within or without the corporate limits of said city, together with all park property which may be acquired, shall be under the management, care, and control of a board under the name and style of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said board shall consist of ten persons to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and the mayor of the city, who shall be *ex officio* a member of said board. Five members of this board shall be the park commissioners of the present commission, who shall serve out the term of office to which they have hitherto been appointed. These five commissioners, with the mayor of the city, shall, on or before the first day of May, 1895, by a majority vote, appoint five other members of said board with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, and whose several terms of office shall begin at the date of their appointment; the first to serve for a term of six years, the second for a term of seven years, the third to serve for a term of eight years, the fourth to serve for a term of nine years, the fifth to serve for a term of ten years, and until their successors in office have been appointed and qualified. At the expiration of the term of office of each of the aforesaid ten commissioners, his successor in office shall be appointed by a majority vote of the board, by and with the consent and advice of the board of aldermen, to serve for a term of ten years, and until his successor in office has been appointed and qualified. But any member of said board who shall be hereafter appointed to serve for the full term of ten years shall not, at the expiration of such full term, be eligible for reappointment to succeed himself. Any vacancy which may occur, through death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the commission and the approval of the board of aldermen. No compensation for services on said commission shall be allowed to any member thereof, except to the secretary. Each commissioner, however, shall be entitled to receive his actual disbursements for necessary expenses in the performance of any duty imposed upon him by the direction of the said board of commissioners. The office of any one of the said park commissioners who shall not attend the meetings of the board for three successive months, after having been duly notified of such meetings, without reason therefor satisfactory to

said board, or without leave of absence from said board, shall by said board be declared vacant; and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 2. The said board of park commissioners shall annually, in May, choose one of their number to be president of the board, and another as vice-president; and the said board shall elect a secretary, who, in the discretion of the board, may be one of their own number, at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum; but the said salary, and all other expenses of the commission, shall be paid out of the annual appropriation. At all meetings, except such as are especially called for the appointment of a commissioner, six shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At no meeting shall it be proper to proceed to the appointment of a new commissioner unless the mayor of the city be present; and at all meetings called for this purpose the mayor shall preside and certify to the appointment before it be transmitted to the board of aldermen for their consent. The said board of park commissioners shall have full and exclusive power to make rules and by-laws for the orderly transaction of their business. The board shall keep an accurate record and books of account, and shall annually transmit to the court of common council a full and detailed report and statement of all its acts and doings, together with a complete and itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. The books of account and records of the board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the mayor, and subject to an annual audit by the proper municipal officer. It shall be the duty of the mayor, or other proper municipal officer, to assign a suitable and convenient office, in some public building, to the use of the board of park commissioners, with proper vault or safe for the protection of their books and papers; and until such office is provided, to the satisfaction of said board, they are hereby authorized to rent an office at an expense of not more than fifty dollars per month. Said board shall have power to appoint or employ such superintendents, engineers, architects, and other officers and employes as it may deem necessary, and shall prescribe and define their respective duties, powers, and authority, and shall fix and regulate the compensation to be paid to the several persons so employed.

SEC. 3. The board constituted as aforesaid shall have the care, management, and control of all parks and grounds used for park purposes, all boulevards, connecting parks and structures thereon, and park-ways, now or hereafter owned by or in the control of the city of Hartford, within or without the corporate limits of the city, and may give proper designating names thereto. The board shall have power to acquire, and the city of Hartford to hold, property, whether within or without the corporate limits of said city, for the purpose of establishing public parks and public squares, or the enlarging of existing parks, or for boulevards, connecting parks, or park-ways, by condemnation, or by contract for the same; to accept conveyances thereof; to receive gifts, donations, or devises of land or other property for park purposes;

to lay out and to improve with walks, drives, and roads, to build necessary culverts and bridges, to drain, plant, and otherwise at their discretion to improve and adorn the parks and other park property thus held or acquired by said board ; to erect such buildings as may be needed for the purposes of administration, or for the use, protection, and refreshment of the public ; *provided, however*, that in no case shall any expenditure be made in excess of the amount previously appropriated. The said board shall have power to make and alter, from time to time, all needful rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety, and decency in said parks, both within and without the limits of the city, and to affix penalties for disobedience thereto ; which rules and regulations shall have the force of ordinances of the city of Hartford ; *provided*, that no such rule or regulation shall be of any effect unless it shall have been first approved by the board of aldermen, and then published in full in one or more of the daily newspapers published in Hartford, and also printed and posted in conspicuous places within the limits of the property to which such regulation is intended to apply. For the purpose of enforcing such rules and regulations, all such parks and property, whether within or without the limits of said city, are hereby placed under the police jurisdiction of the city of Hartford ; and complaints for the violation of such regulations may be made by the prosecuting attorney to the police court of said city. Any member of the police department may arrest, without warrant, in any of such parks or places, whether within or without the limits of the city of Hartford, any person who has broken any park rule, or committed any other offense in said park ; and the police court of Hartford shall have jurisdiction of all misdemeanors committed within the limits of said parks.

SEC. 4. The said board of commissioners shall have sole power to determine the places in said parks and park-ways, and in other property under their control, where sewers, gas, and water pipes shall be laid ; and no trench, for these purposes, shall be opened until the commissioners shall have designated the location of the same, and given permission in writing. No telegraph, telephone, or electric light wires, or other wires, or posts or supports therefor, shall be erected in, upon, through, or over said parks or park-ways, without the consent in writing of said board, who shall designate the place and the manner of erecting and maintaining the same, to be altered at such time and in such manner, and under such conditions as the said board may deem best.

SEC. 5. All real and personal estate of the city, used for park purposes, within the limits of any other town, shall be exempted from taxation.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of providing necessary funds for the purchase or improvement of lands for park property, and for such other purposes as are herein provided for, the city of Hartford is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, payable in not more than fifty

years from their dates, and bearing interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually in such manner and form as shall be determined by the mayor and the court of common council of said city. And within thirty days after the passage of this act, the mayor of said city shall submit to the qualified electors of the city the proposition to issue the bonds of the city to the amount aforesaid, the proceeds of the sale of which shall be exclusively applied, under the direction and at the discretion of the board of park commissioners, to the acquisition, layout, and improvement of land for public parks, park-ways, or boulevards established as approaches to or for the purpose of connecting parks, and for the other purposes set forth in section three; but the said board shall make no expenditures of said proceeds, or contract of expenditure thereof, involving liability to the city of Hartford exceeding the amount of the bonds thus issued. Such election shall be conducted, and the result determined, as in other city elections.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of providing necessary funds for the care and improvement of park property, and to meet the expenses of the board of park commissioners, the court of common council of the city shall, in each year, levy and cause to be collected a tax of not less than five cents upon each one hundred dollars of value of all the property within the city taxable for municipal purposes. All moneys collected and arising from the said tax shall be paid by the tax collector, or other officer collecting the same, into the treasury of the city; and shall be deemed, thereupon, appropriated and set apart for the maintenance, preservation, and improvement of said parks and grounds; and shall be paid out by the city treasurer upon warrants signed by at least three members of the said board of park commissioners.

SEC. 8. The said board of park commissioners shall have power to connect any public park under its control with any other park over which it has jurisdiction, by a boulevard or park-way; and whenever, in their judgment, necessary, they may designate, as such, any existing highway, or parts thereof, which shall thereupon be deemed a part of said park-way; but the same shall remain under the control of the city authorities now having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 9. The term "park property" includes all parks, squares, and areas of land within the management of said board; and all buildings, structures, improvements, seats, benches, fountains, boats, floats, walks, drives, roads, trees, plants, herbages, flowers, and other things thereon, and enclosures of the same; and all shade trees on streets or thoroughfares, resting places, watering stations, play grounds, parade grounds, or the like; and all connecting park-ways and roads or drives between parks; and all avenues, roads, ways, drives, walks, with all trees, shrubbery, vines, flowers, and ornaments of any description; and all birds, animals, or curiosities, or objects of interest or instruction, and all tools and implements placed in or on any of such inclosures, ways, park-ways, roads, or places; and said included terms shall be liberally construed.

SEC. 10. No member of said board of park commissioners shall be concerned in any contract with the said board, or any of its departments or institutions, either as contractor, sub-contractor, bondsman, or party directly or indirectly interested. If any member of the board be the owner of, or interested in, any property necessary, in the opinion of a majority of the other members of the board, to be taken for park purposes; then proceedings shall be by condemnation, and such facts of ownership and interest shall be fully set forth in the petition.

SEC. 11. The board shall not be compelled to accept any gift or offer of land which, in its judgment, is unsuited to park purposes, or the improvement of which would entail an injudicious outlay.

SEC. 12. The said board shall, at its discretion, have power to lease any buildings or land not needed for immediate improvement, for a term not to exceed three years; the proceeds to be paid into the city treasury, and to be placed at the disposal of the said board as an addition to the annual appropriation.

SEC. 13. Real and personal property may be granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the said city, for the purpose of the improvement or ornamentation of said parks or approaches, or for the establishment or maintenance therein of museums, zoölogical or other gardens, collections of natural history, observatories, monuments, statues, fountains, or other works of art, upon such trusts and conditions as may be prescribed by the grantors or devisors thereof, and accepted by the common council of said city. All property so devised, granted, bequeathed or conveyed, and the rents, issues, profits, and income thereof, shall be subject to the exclusive management, direction, and control of the said board of park commissioners.

SEC. 14. The said park commission, on behalf of the city of Hartford, shall have power to take, by condemnation, land for park or parkway purposes; and if the said park commission cannot, for any cause, agree with the owner or owners of any land which they shall decide to take for public park purposes, whether within or without the limits of the city of Hartford, as to the compensation to be paid therefor, the damages which will accrue to such owner or owners by such purchase and the compensation to be paid for such lands in view thereof, shall be estimated and determined by three appraisers to be appointed by the superior court of Hartford county, or any judge thereof, on application of said park commissioners, after reasonable notice of such application shall have been given to such owner or owners. Said appraisers shall notify all parties in interest of the time and place of hearing, and shall make return in writing of their appraisal and award to the clerk of the superior court, who shall record the same; and the amount of such award shall be paid by said park commission within sixty days after the filing of such award, or, in case of an appeal, after the final award in the premises, out of any funds at their disposal, other than the annual appropriation, to the person or persons entitled thereto, or deposited to the order of such person or persons with the treasurer of the

city of Hartford. But either party may, within sixty days, appeal to the superior court, or any judge thereof, to set aside such award, and to order a re-hearing for irregularity or improper conduct connected with such hearing and appraisal.

The fees of the appraisers and of the clerk shall be paid by the park commission from the funds aforesaid; and the lands embraced in the application shall not be occupied by the park commission, nor sequestered for park purposes, until the compensation therefor as finally awarded or agreed upon shall have been paid to the person or persons entitled thereto, or received to his or their satisfaction, or deposited with the treasurer of the city of Hartford to his or their use.

All the owners of different tracts of land which are contiguous or which are to be included in the same park may be joined in the same application if convenient, and the court or judge may appoint a single board of appraisers to determine and award the compensation to be paid to the owners of each tract in the same report of their findings.

SEC. 15. The bonds authorized in the first section of this act shall be prepared by the city treasurer of Hartford, and shall be issued by him, from time to time, in such amounts as the park commission shall require. Such bonds shall in no case be sold or disposed of for less than par, and the avails of such as shall be issued shall be kept by the city treasurer as a special fund, subject to the order of the park commission, and shall be paid by him only on such orders.

SEC. 16. So much of the charter of the city of Hartford as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed; and the provisions of this act, so far as they apply to the powers of said city and its officers, shall be regarded as an amendment of said city charter.

[Approved, March 21, 1895.]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

JANUARY SESSION, 1895.

RESOLUTION AMENDING "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD," APPROVED MARCH 21, 1895.

Resolved by this Assembly:

SECTION 1. The resolution hitherto passed by this General Assembly, amending the charter of the city of Hartford, and approved March 21, 1895, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first section of said resolution the following clause, to wit: "Upon the expiration of the term of office of that member of the Board of Park Commissioners whose term expires in April, 1895, the remaining commissioners with the mayor of the city may appoint his successor in office, by and with the consent and advice of the Board of Aldermen, to serve for the term

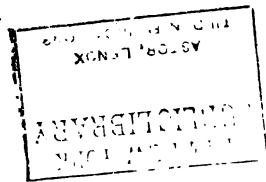
of five years and until his successor in office has been appointed and qualified."

SEC. 2. Section 15 of said resolution is hereby amended by substituting the word "sixth" for the word "first" in the first line of said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

"SEC. 15. The bonds authorized in the sixth section of this act shall be prepared by the city treasurer of Hartford, and shall be issued by him from time to time in such amounts as the Park Commission shall require. Such bonds shall in no case be sold or disposed of for less than par, and the avails of such as shall be issued shall be kept by the city treasurer as a special fund, subject to the order of the Park Commission, and shall be paid by him only on such orders."



SOUTH GREEN — LOOKING NORTH.



APPENDIX B.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF HARTFORD.

MEETINGS.

There shall be regular meetings of the Commissioners on the first Monday in each month, and as many adjourned or special meetings as may be necessary.

The President shall have power to call a special meeting of the Commissioners whenever in his judgment it may be expedient, and he shall also call a special meeting upon the request in writing of four members of the Board.

At all special meetings no other business shall be transacted (unless by unanimous consent of the members present) than such as shall have been stated as the object of the meeting in the notice sent out.

Any business may be transacted at any meeting which shall have been continued from the regular monthly meeting by adjournment. The Secretary shall send by post written notices of all regular, adjourned, and special meetings to each Commissioner at least 24 hours before holding the same, and in the case of special meetings a brief statement of its object shall be added.

OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at all meetings when present, except as otherwise provided in the charter. He shall name the members of all committees unless otherwise ordered by the Board, and may at his discretion act with any committee whenever his advice or assistance may be needed.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings whenever the President is not present, except as otherwise provided in the charter. And in the absence of the President he shall discharge all the duties which are usual and proper for the President of the Board.

The Secretary shall keep accurate records and books of account, and prepare annually a full and detailed report and statement of all the acts and doings of the Board, together with an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements of money. He shall also prepare all papers and reports for the meetings of the Board, and for Committees. He shall receive and conduct the correspondence of the Board; issue all official notices, and perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.

He shall preserve and keep record of all reports, maps, books, or documents which may be owned or purchased by or presented to the Board, and shall exchange annual reports or public documents with other boards or institutions.

He shall receive from the City Treasurer from time to time out of the appropriation the money needed to meet the obligations of the Board, and disburse the same, taking proper vouchers therefor.

He shall make to the Board each month a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the month past, and in the proper keeping of his books of account and records be subject to the directions of the Finance Committee.

The following standing Committees shall be appointed :

1. A Committee of 4 on Finance.
2. " " " 3 " Employment.
3. " " " 4 " the Care and Management of Existing Parks.
4. A Committee of 4 on the Improvement of Parks and the Extension of the Park System.
5. An Auditing Committee of Two.

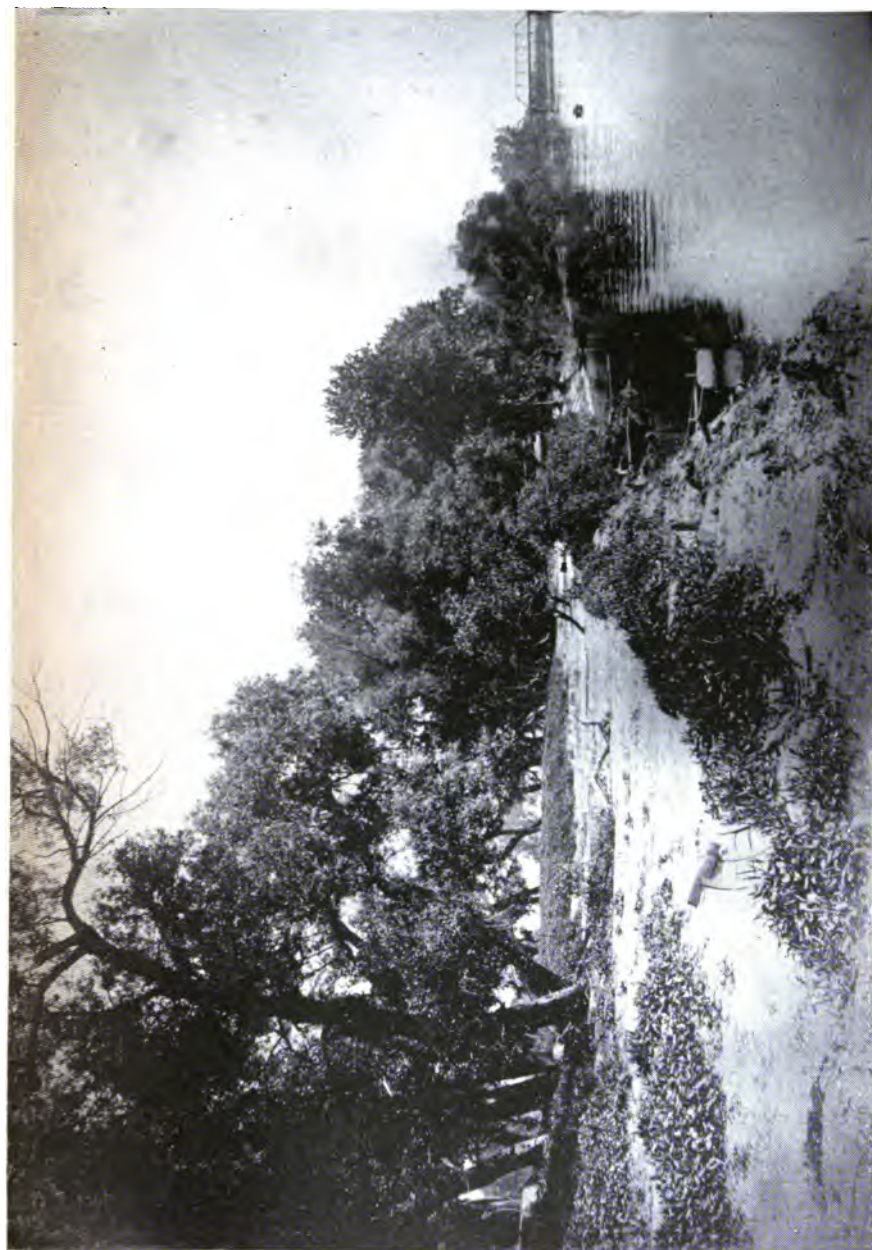
First—The Committee on Finance shall have charge of all bills and accounts against the Board, and shall examine and approve the same before payment is made. All warrants drawn upon the city treasurer shall be signed by three members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

They shall supervise and make frequent examinations of the books and records of the secretary, and direct him in the proper keeping of the same.

Second—The Committee on Employment shall receive and consider applications from all persons desiring to enter the service of the Park Commission (except in the case of salaried officers, or those whose appointment is authorized by the Board). They shall require the applicant to state in writing all the particulars concerning himself which they may deem necessary to judge of his character, fitness, and skill to properly perform the duty of the position for which he is a candidate. And they shall make such investigations as may satisfy them of the truth of these statements. The name of such applicant shall, if he be found fit, be placed on a list, and whenever any vacancy occurs the committee may select one from the number; they shall, however, make no appointment unless they are satisfied that the public service requires it. The committee shall have power to fix the compensation of all employes whose wages do not exceed \$50 per month.

Third—The Committee on the Care and Management of Existing Parks shall have the direction and control of them and of all persons employed upon them. Any extensive alterations or improvements shall, however, be submitted to the Board for its approval.

Fourth—The Committee on Improvement of Parks and the Extension of the Park System shall prepare a scheme for the layout and improvement of Pope Park and other parks and connecting parkways,



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wherever it may seem to the Committee to be advisable, and they shall have power to employ competent landscape architects and engineers to assist them. Such scheme must be submitted, with all necessary plans and surveys, to the Board for its action before adoption.

Fifth—The Auditing Committee shall once in three months examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and compare the vouchers therewith, and also certify to the correctness of his annual statement; they shall have each year a detailed inventory made of all movable property belonging to the commission.

These by-laws may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given in the call for the meeting.

Adopted, May 3, 1895.

APPENDIX C.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board of Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in them, hereby make and ordain the following rules and regulations for the management of the parks of the city of Hartford. Any person who shall violate any of the following rules and regulations, "shall forfeit and pay for the use of the city treasury a fine not exceeding thirty-five dollars."

It is forbidden:— 1. To enter or leave any park, except by the regular approaches thereto; to walk upon any border, or to cross any lawn, except in such place as is or shall have been set apart as common; or unless it be on public occasions, when the use of the park, for the purpose of assembly, shall have been granted by the commissioners.

2. To climb or get upon any tree, statue, fence, railing, or other structure, in any park.

3. To cut, write upon, deface, defile, or otherwise injure, any building, bridge, fence, statue, fountain, seat, or other structure, upon any park.

4. To permit any animal to pass over, or stray upon, any park area; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to dogs, when led by a cord or chain not exceeding six feet in length.

5. To cut, break, or otherwise injure, any tree or shrub, or any part thereof; to cut, pluck, or otherwise remove, any blossom or other part of any plant or flower in any park.

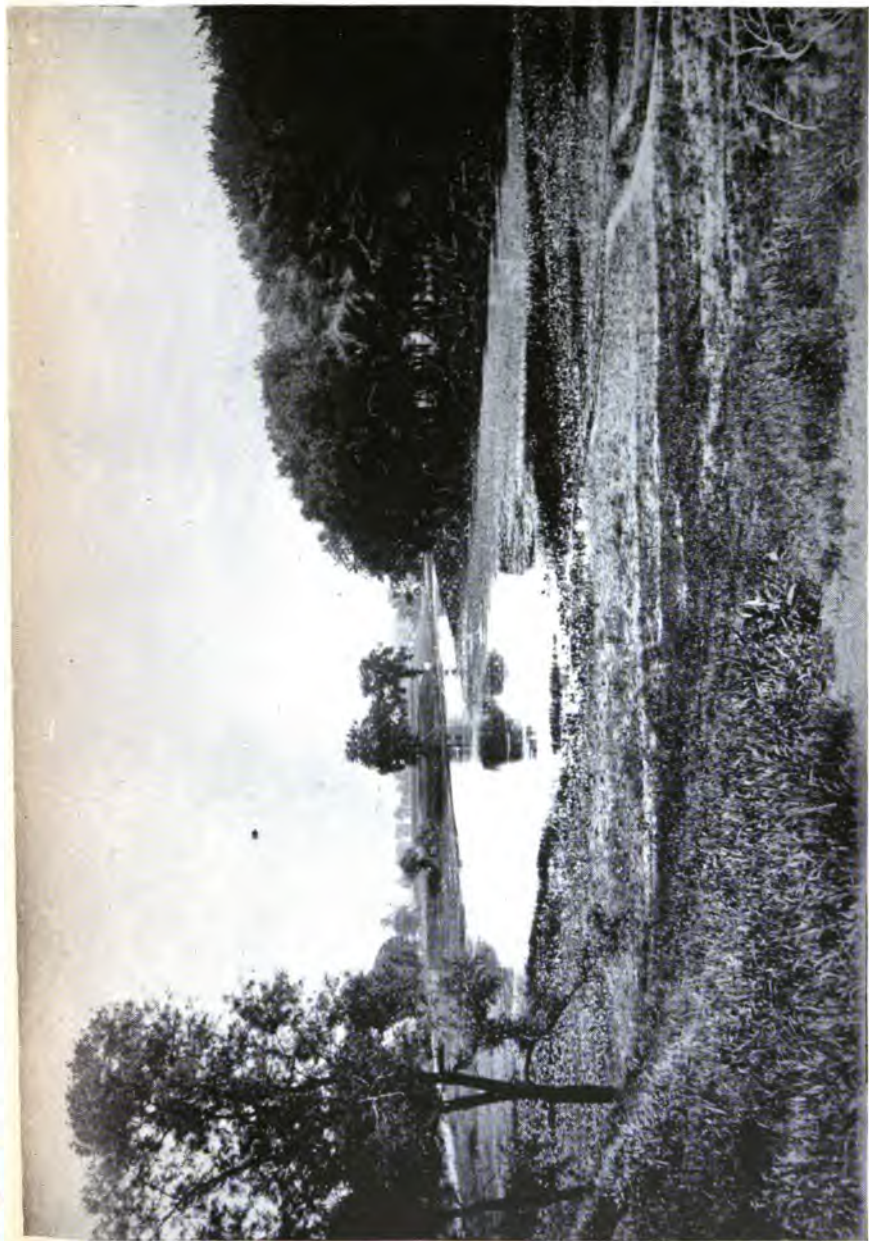
6. To throw, sport with, or carry on to or about, any stick, stone, lump, or other missile on any park.

7. To scatter or leave upon any park any paper, rag, garbage, or other litter.

8. To void any urine, dung, or other excrement, within the limits of any park; excepting in such place or apartment as is, or shall be, specially provided for such purpose; and in the latter case, it is forbidden to use or enter any apartment established for persons of the opposite sex exclusively.

9. To exhibit any signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to play any games of chance; to make any fire; to have any intoxicating beverage; to play any musical instrument; to solicit any money or subscription; to make any speech or harangue; to follow or annoy any other visitor, on any park.

10. To drive or propel any vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, wheelbarrow,



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or hand-cart, on any park, excepting on regular carriage roads; to skate or slide upon or across any walk upon any park; or to slide or coast on any driveway.

11. To ride or drive any horse or team at a rate faster than eight miles an hour; to drive any heavy team, cart, public carriage without passengers, or wagon whatsoever, upon any park driveway or carriage-way (excepting upon park business) on any park.

12. To take any bird or bird's nest; any fish, frog, turtle, or other live animal of a wild nature, from any park.

13. To sleep or lie upon or overturn any seat upon any park.

14. To deface or injure any notice placed by the park commissioners upon any park; or to deface or injure this placard.

The foregoing are in addition to such prohibitions and penalties as are provided by the laws of this state and the ordinances of this city. Hartford, September 30, 1895.

Board of Park Commissioners,

By FRANCIS GOODWIN, *President*.

Attest : SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

Board of Aldermen, City of Hartford, November 25, 1895.

Approved, November 26, 1895.

LEVERETT BRAINARD, *Mayor*.

Attest : HENRY F. SMITH, *City Clerk*.

APPENDIX D.

MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR.

HARTFORD, CONN., November 26, 1894.

To the Honorable Court of Common Council :

In my first message after assuming the office of Mayor, I took occasion to remind you of the obligations the city was under to philanthropic individuals who, by their wise forethought and generous action, had added so much to the attractions of the city, and provided for the increased comfort and intelligence of its citizens. I am now authorized to add to that honored record a most munificent offer from Colonel Albert A. Pope, of Boston, Mass., in which he tenders to the City of Hartford, through its Mayor and Common Council, a tract of over seventy-three (73) acres of land for use by the citizens as a public park for all time and without restriction. The donor of this valuable property, although not a citizen of Hartford, has favored the city by establishing within its boundaries several large manufacturing industries, which give employment to many citizens, and contribute liberally towards maintaining the city's expenses. After consulting with many of our leading citizens who have the development and best interests of the city sincerely at heart, Colonel Pope has attached to his proposed gift certain conditions, the acceptance of which, it is believed, will result largely to the benefit of the city, and render his gift more immediately practical and better appreciated by our citizens. One of the conditions referred to is, that the city shall acquire some thirteen acres of land extending along north of Park Street and west of the river, comprising a beautiful grove, which is a part of the property of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School. This institution has agreed to deed this property to the city for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). A further requirement is the purchase of about six (6) acres extending from the last-named place east to Putnam Street and connecting with Columbia Street. This land is the property of the Hartford Orphan Asylum, which the managers will convey to the city on the payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). In consideration that the park shall be extended to Capitol Avenue, the Hartford Real Estate and Improvement Company agrees to convey to the city, without compensation, a tract of land lying directly north of that owned by the Farm School. An acceptance of these propositions puts the city in possession of ninety (90) more acres of land, and creates a continuous park from the south side of the tract given by



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Colonel Pope, across Park Street, and extending through to Capitol Avenue. The Farm School and Orphan Asylum, being both charitable institutions, could not be expected, nor would they be justified, in surrendering their property without some compensation; but it is hoped and believed that the reduction in price from the actual value will be counterbalanced by the increased value of the property remaining.

Pure air, pleasant surroundings, and a change of scenery are acknowledged and important factors in the promotion of health and good order among the denizens of cities; and for these reasons many families are accustomed to leave their city homes in summer-time for a period of rest and recreation at the seashore, the mountains, or elsewhere. Unfortunately, the circumstances of a large proportion of city residents do not admit of such change. Many are compelled to live in small tenements, not always well ventilated, nor healthfully located. It is not enough that the people of one section of the city should be enabled to occupy and enjoy healthy and beautiful surroundings; but it is clearly the duty of those in authority to provide, if possible, pleasant and salutary grounds near to the neglected portions, which shall be open and accessible to everyone, and by their sanitary influence tend to prevent disease which might originate and jeopardize the health and lives of all our citizens.

It is for the benefit of those who cannot seek recreation elsewhere that public spirited and more fortunate citizens in most cities favor the acquisition of outlying lands to be used as public parks or pleasure-grounds and places of resort. Recognizing its importance the City of Medford, Mass., with a population of 11,000, has 232 acres devoted to park purposes; Worcester, with a population of 84,000, has 364 acres in parks; Lynn, with a population of 55,000, has 2,054 acres; Springfield, with a population of 44,000, has 429 acres. In our own state, New Haven, with a population of 86,000, has about 950 acres; Bridgeport, with a population of 50,000, 232 acres; Providence, R. I., with a population of 132,000, 484 acres. Hartford, population 60,000, less than 60 acres. The cities quoted are those comparing more nearly to Hartford in size, and from which I could most conveniently procure the information.

The introduction of electric roads with cheap fares renders the suburbs much more available for all classes than formerly; and, although this city has not been as progressive with regard to electric roads as some others, the present indications are that at no distant day it will be second to none in this respect.

I transmit herewith the following propositions:

First, that of Colonel Albert A. Pope, in which he agrees to give to the City of Hartford something over seventy-three acres for a public park; second, the proposition of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School, for the sale of about thirteen acres of land; third, that of the Hartford Orphan Asylum for the sale of about five acres; fourth, from the Hartford Real Estate and Improvement Company for the gift of over two acres. The terms and conditions of each form a part of the

several propositions. Fifth, a plat of the several pieces showing the proposed improvements. I recommend to your careful consideration the accompanying propositions, and will request that you will take such action as shall best promote the good name and welfare of our city, and if your recommendations result in securing a "Columbia" Park, there would seem to be an appropriateness in the name that the donor and the public would appreciate.

I also have a most agreeable duty to perform in presenting to you a communication from the executors of the last will and testament of the late Honorable Charles M. Pond, containing an extract of his will, in which he gives to the City of Hartford a tract of land, containing about ninety acres, for use as a public park. This property is most beautifully located on what is known as Prospect Hill, being his late homestead, and includes the land and buildings in connection therewith. He also accompanies this with the gift of one-half of his personal estate, which increases his gift nearly \$180,000, the same to be used in caring for and improving the land he gives, and to procure additional land if thought advisable. Mr. Pond was fully conscious of the many attractions which his property possessed for a public park, and it was a pleasant subject of conversation with his friends to discuss its possibilities. His acts confirm his thoughts, and testify alike to his business sagacity, good judgment, his love for the city of his birth, and his appreciation of the honors conferred upon him by his state.

I transmit herewith the communication from his executors, also a printed copy of his will. In view of the importance of the subjects contained herein, I recommend their reference to a joint committee of four Aldermen and eight Councilmen, together with the Board of Park Commissioners, and that they give full consideration to the various subjects contained, and report at as early a day as is consistent, with such recommendations as they shall deem advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVERETT BRAINARD, *Mayor.*

COLONEL POPE'S OFFER.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

YOUR HONORS,—I desire to submit for the consideration and action of your honorable body the following proposition of gift to the city of Hartford:

For many years I have taken a lively interest in the business prosperity and general welfare of Hartford. From the beginning of my financial connections with what is now one of your leading industries I have been attracted by, and have gradually acquired possession of, a tract of land which is by nature peculiarly well adapted for a public park. In fact, I know of no other city where so large an area of beautifully undulating and well-watered land has remained unoccupied, especially within easy access of thickly populated districts.

I believe that a large part of the success of any manufacturing business depends upon the health, happiness, and orderly life of its employes, and that in a like manner a city thrives best by caring and providing for the well-being of its citizens. Your city is in need of open breathing-places and pleasure-grounds, which should be scattered in different regions, and so laid out and arranged as to afford the means of recreation and pleasure to all classes of law-abiding citizens. They should be something more than public gardens where even trespassing on the grass is properly forbidden.

Connected with such pleasure-grounds there should be drives and walks, and, if possible, groves of full-grown trees, where those not engaged in active sports may find other attractions.

I am informed that such parks in other parts of your city are already in contemplation by private parties.

In order that you may have an opportunity, if you deem it advisable, of establishing such a pleasure-ground in the southwestern part of your city, I hereby offer to present to the city a deed of two tracts of land, comprising about 73.37 acres, to be held for park purposes only, a plat of which land is hereto attached, and to which reference is made.

Said tracts or pieces of land are as shown upon said plat or map, and are bounded as follows :

The first piece is bounded north by Park Street ; east, by the center of a highway to be laid out in the lines substantially as shown upon said map between the points marked A-A₂ ; south, by the center of a highway to be laid out in the lines substantially as shown upon said map between the points marked B-B₂ ; west, by a line following so far as practicable the meanderings of the south branch of Park river; and drawn one hundred feet west of the west bank of said river, together with the public easement for highway purposes in and over the other halves of said two highways.

The second piece is bounded north by Park river ; east by land of the Watkinson Asylum and Farm School ; south, by Park street ; and west by Laurel street.

This offer, however, is made upon the following express conditions, which are to be accepted and faithfully performed by said city of Hartford as the consideration for the gift :

First — That the City of Hartford shall agree to legally discontinue and abandon, within sixty days after the acceptance of this offer, the lay-out of Summit street between Capitol Avenue and Zion street (which was laid out in 1872, but has never been graded or used), without expense to or charge against any of the adjoining proprietors on account of such discontinuance.

Second — That the City of Hartford shall agree that it will at once lay out and establish, and that within one year from the date of the acceptance of this gift it will grade and work the following highways upon or adjoining the first tract above described :

- (1) A highway forming the eastern boundary of the first tract

above described, and leading from Park street to Zion street, substantially as indicated by the highway as shown upon the map between the points A and A2.

(2) A highway forming the southern boundary of said first tract of land substantially as indicated by the highway as shown upon the map between the points B and B2.

(3) A highway upon and along the entire length of said strip of land on the west bank of said south branch of Park river, the western limit of which highway shall be the western limit of said strip of land substantially as shown upon the plan between the points marked C and C2.

Third—That the City shall acquire the right to the land between the points marked B2 and C2 on said map, and shall, within one year from the acceptance of this gift, lay out and grade a highway between said points substantially as shown on said map.

Fourth—That the City shall agree that, within one year from said acceptance of this gift, it will cause to be built or laid in the highways between the points marked A and A2 and B and B2, which are to be constructed as aforesaid, proper sewers; and of the cost of said sewers, I agree to pay such a proportionate part thereof not exceeding one-half as may be duly assessed against me.

Fifth—That the City shall agree that it will, within sixty days from and after its acceptance of this gift, acquire the title to the land necessary for an extension of said pleasure grounds from said Park street northerly to Capitol Avenue, with an entrance from Putnam street, substantially as shown upon the accompanying map by the roadway between the points marked E and E2, and shall devote said land to said park purposes, laying out within said period of one year the roads substantially as shown on said map between the points marked D and D2 and E and E2.

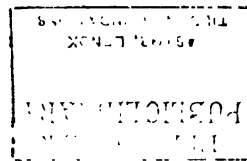
And in aid of the ability of the City to properly acquire said lands for said purpose, there are submitted herewith the ancillary petitions of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School, the Hartford Orphan Asylum, and the Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company, offering, as will duly appear by reference thereto, the lands necessary for said extension, either as a gift or at merely nominal prices.

Sixth—That the City shall also agree that, if it shall at any time order curb and gutter stones to be laid in or upon said highways or any of them, it will duly lay said curb and gutter stones at its own expense.

Seventh—That the said City shall agree, in consideration of said gift, that no assessment, charge, or lien shall be made, laid, or ordered upon or against either the Pope Manufacturing Company, the Hartford Rubber Works Company, or myself (on account of any lands or improvements thereon which may be owned by me or by any of the parties above named), by reason of the layout or construction of said parks or highways, or other public works above referred to or to be connected therewith, for the purposes and to the end specified above.



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Eighth — That no assessment for or by reason of the construction of a so-called intercepting sewer south of Park street (either under the present or future plans) shall be laid or made against the Hartford Rubber Works Company or myself; but we and our heirs and assigns and each of us shall be freed therefrom.

Ninth — That, until the construction of a sewer in or near the highway to be laid out between the points marked on the map C and C2, into which sewer my remaining property west of the south branch of Park River would drain, the City shall build and maintain drains across said strip of land situated on the west side of said river and described above as one hundred feet wide, and to discharge said drains into said river.

Tenth — All the lands offered herein shall be taken subject to all taxes assessed thereon, as of the 1st day of October, 1894, and the parties conveying said lands shall be relieved therefrom.

Eleventh — This gift, with and subject to said conditions, is open to your acceptance, for the period of three months from this date.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)
Hartford, Nov. 15, A. D. 1894.

ALBERT A. POPE.

THE OFFER OF THE FARM SCHOOL.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

GENTLEMEN — The Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School, a corporation established and maintained in your City through the beneficence of the late David Watkinson, respectfully represents to your honorable body :

Colonel Albert A. Pope has submitted to us a proposition which he makes to the City of Hartford for the establishment of a public park and pleasure ground on the south side of Park street in this City, and has asked our co-operation in said public work; in order that said Park may be extended northerly to Capitol Avenue, substantially as shown upon the plan submitted in connection with his communication to your honorable body.

By reason of the special trusts under which this corporation holds its property it is impossible for it to aid by gift the proposed public improvement; but it is the unanimous desire of its Board of Trustees to assist so far as possible in establishing the public park and pleasure-grounds in said proposition referred to, and to that end it offers to sell to the City of Hartford, free from incumbrance, for the sum of \$10,000 the tract of land situated on the north side of Park street in said city, and bounded and described as follows :

Commencing at the southwest corner of the land owned by this corporation on Park street, thence easterly on Park street about 425 feet to the middle of the highway as shown upon the map attached to the communication of said Pope, thence northerly along the middle of

said roadway substantially as shown upon said map to the land of the Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company, thence westerly on its lines to the center of Park River, thence southerly and westerly following the center of said river to the western boundary of the land owned by this corporation, thence southerly on said western boundary to the place of beginning; together with the public easement for highway purposes in and over the other half of said highway, which is above referred to.

This offer is made, however, upon the following conditions:

First—That the City accepts said offer of Colonel Pope as contained in his communication to your honorable body.

Second—That no assessment shall be made, laid, or caused upon or against the remaining property of this corporation on account of the layout and establishment of said park and highway.

Third—That the City shall also agree that if it shall at any time order curb and gutter stones to be laid in or upon said highways or any of them, that it will duly lay said curb and gutter stones at its own expense.

Fourth—This offer shall be open to the acceptance of the city for the period of three months from this date.

Dated at Hartford, this 15th day of November, A. D. 1894.

(Signed)

WATKINSON JUVENILE ASYLUM AND FARM SCHOOL,

By FRANCIS GOODWIN, *President*.

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM'S OFFER.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

GENTLEMEN—The Hartford Orphan Asylum, a charitable organization established and maintained in your city, respectfully requests of your honorable body a careful consideration of the proposition submitted to you by Colonel Albert A. Pope for the establishment of a public park in the southwestern part of this city, as contained in his communication to your honorable body of even date herewith.

This corporation has been requested to consider said plans and to notify your honorable body at what price it will sell to said City a certain tract of land comprising about 4.44 acres which is owned by this corporation, which seems to be required for a proper development of said park. Said land is situated along the northern limit of the property owned by this corporation, being about 350 feet on Putnam street and about 630 feet deep.

Believing that the establishment of said park will be of great benefit to this part of the City it hereby offers to sell said land to said City, but for park purposes only, for the sum of \$5,000. This offer, however, is made upon the following conditions:

First—That the city accepts said offer of Colonel Pope as contained in his communication to your honorable body.

Second—That no assessment or cost shall be made, laid, or caused upon or against the remaining property of this corporation on account of the layout and establishment of said park or highway, or any public work connected therewith.

Third—That the City shall agree that, in case said City shall hereafter order curb and gutter stones laid on said highway that the same shall be laid at the expense of said City.

This offer shall be open to the acceptance of the city for the period of three months from this date.

Dated at Hartford, this 15th day of November, 1894.

THE HARTFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM,

By KATHERINE P. HOWARD, *President*.

THE HARTFORD REAL ESTATE COMPANY'S CONTRIBUTION.

To the Honorable Mayor and Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

GENTLEMEN—The Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company, a corporation owning certain real estate situated on the south side of Capitol Avenue in said City of Hartford, hereby respectfully represent to your honorable body:—

Col. Albert A. Pope has submitted to us a proposition which he makes to the City of Hartford, for the establishment of a public park and pleasure-ground on the south side of Park street in this City, and has asked our co-operation in said public work, in order that said park may be extended northerly to Capitol Avenue, substantially as shown on the plan submitted in connection with his communication to your honorable body.

This corporation is duly mindful of the benefits that will accrue by the establishment of said park as proposed, and it hereby offers to give to the City of Hartford for park purposes, free of any incumbrance, a tract of land situated on the south side of Capitol Avenue in said City, and bounded and described as follows:

North by Capitol Avenue; east by the center of a highway to be laid out by said City across said property substantially as indicated upon the map annexed to the communication of Colonel Albert A. Pope, the northeast corner of which highway shall be in the south line of Capitol Avenue and 275 feet west from the northwest corner of said Capitol Avenue and Columbia street; south by land of the Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School; and west by the center of Park River, together with the easement for highway purposes over the eastern half of said highway.

This offer of gift, however, is made upon the following conditions:

First—That the City accepts said offer of Colonel Albert A. Pope to your honorable body of even date herewith.

Second—That the City shall agree that within one year after the acceptance of this proposition it will cause to be built in the highway crossing the property so offered herein, a public sewer, for which sewer

your petitioner agrees to pay its proportionate part of the cost thereof, not exceeding, however, one-half of said cost.

Third—That no assessment of cost shall be made, laid, or caused upon or against the remaining property of this corporation on account of the layout and establishment of said park or highway.

Fourth—That the City shall also agree that if it shall at any time order curb and gutter stones to be laid in or upon said highways or any of them, that it will duly lay said curb and gutter stones at its own expense.

Fifth—All of the lands offered herein shall be taken subject to all taxes assessed thereon as of the first day of October, 1894, and the parties conveying said lands shall be relieved therefrom.

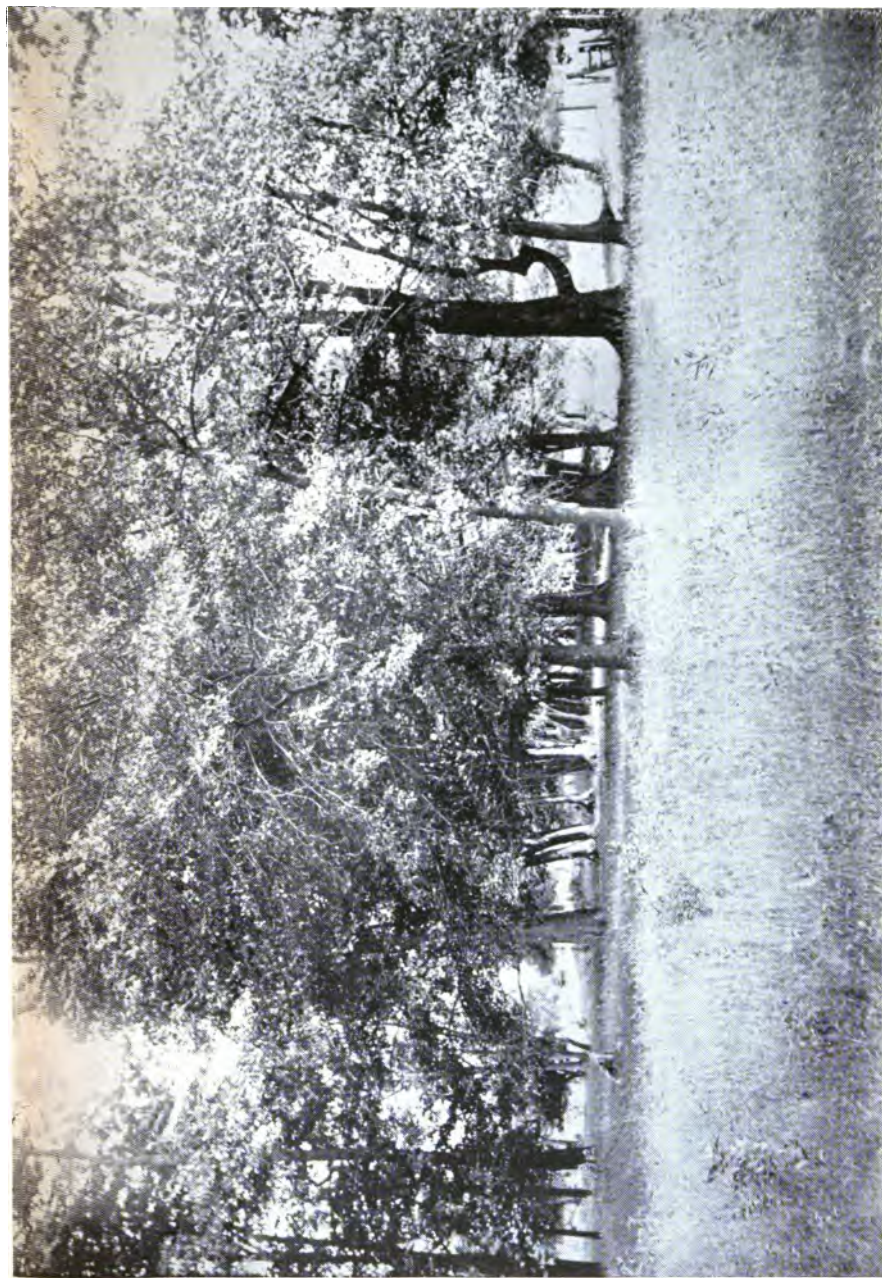
Sixth—This offer shall be open to the acceptance of the City for the period of three months from this date.

Dated at Hartford, this 15th day of November, A. D. 1894.

(Signed)

HARTFORD REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,

By JAMES L. HOWARD, *President*.



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APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

HARTFORD, CONN., January 7, 1895.

To the Honorable Court of Common Council :

The undersigned, being the joint special committee appointed by vote of your honorable body November 6, 1894, and to whom were then referred "all communications or other documents" relating to a proposed acceptance by this city of the tracts of land lately offered to it for park purposes by Col. Albert A. Pope (under certain conditions recited in the written offer of said tracts), and which committee was by said vote directed "to attend to the preparation of the necessary action for the acceptance by this city of the proposed gift," beg leave to report :

That for the terms of the "offer" referred to in said vote reference should also be had to the written offer itself, dated Nov. 15, 1894, and to the maps and plans accompanying the same; to the offer of the "Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School" to sell to this city (at the price of ten thousand dollars), for a like purpose, the tracts described in its offer dated November 15, 1894; to the offer of the "Hartford Orphan Asylum" to sell to this city (at the price of five thousand dollars), for a like purpose, the tracts described in its offer dated November 15, 1894; and to the offer of the "Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company" to give to this city, for a like purpose, the tract described in its offer dated the 15th day of November, 1894; all which offers are to be considered as parts of the said offer made by Col. Pope (or as conditions of his offer); and all which, with the maps and plans aforesaid, are now in possession of your honorable body.

That your committee has attended to the duties of its appointment (as indicated in said vote); and, as a result thereof, submits the following as substantially the form of the resolutions which should be adopted and passed by your honorable body:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,

CITY OF HARTFORD, January , 1895.

RESOLVED, That this city accepts the tracts of land offered by Albert A. Pope November 15, 1894, for the uses and purposes stated in said offer (as now on file), and subject to the conditions and reservations therein set forth; the same to be a Public Park of this city.

RESOLVED, That the tracts severally offered for like purposes by the "Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm School," the "Hartford Orphan

Asylum," and by the "Hartford Real Estate Improvement Company," respectively, be, and they are hereby, accepted by this city, each on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the written offers of said tracts respectively, as now on file. And said tracts, together with that tract offered by Col. Pope north of Park Street, shall constitute collectively another public park for this city.

AND WHEREAS, It is, or may become, necessary that the foregoing Resolutions be approved, ratified, and adopted by the legal voters of this city in a meeting to be called and held for that purpose, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, requested to call a meeting of the legal voters of this city, to be held on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1895, at the proper voting places, then and there to vote by ballot and check-list upon the question of the approval, ratification, and adoption of the foregoing Resolutions as a whole; *provided*, that in the call for said meeting a copy of these Resolutions be inserted. And in said meeting each voter in favor of the adoption of said Resolutions shall deposit his ballot with only the word "Yes" written or printed thereon. And each voter opposed to the adoption of said Resolutions shall deposit his ballot with only the word "No" written or printed thereon.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LEVERETT BRAINARD, *Mayor.*

P. MCGOVERN,	}	<i>Aldermen.</i>
ROBERT W. BARRETT,		
MORITZ WIEDER,		

HORACE M. ANDREWS,	}	<i>Councilmen.</i>
JNO. M. FAIRFIELD,		
ISIDORE WISE,		
JOHN F. CONNIFF,		
THOS. F. MAHON,		
W. E. A. BULKELEY,		
PETER TAYLOR,		

SHERMAN W. ADAMS,	}	<i>Park Commissioners.</i>
GURDON W. RUSSELL,		
FRANCIS GOODWIN,		

In the Board of Aldermen the Report was accepted and Resolutions passed.

Common Council Board concurred.



NORTHEAST VIEW OF NATURAL GROVE IN NEW (UNNAMED) PARK AT SOUTH END OF TOWN.

THE
PUBLICATIONS
ASTOR, LENOX
TILDEN FOUNDATION

APPENDIX F.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Date.	From whom Received.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
1895			
Apr. 1	.....	On hand from last year.....	\$.05
30	City Treas. to date	To pay payrolls.....	\$816.91
	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills to date.	121.25—
May 24	Mrs. — Goetz.....	For 5 gold fish.....	1.25
31	City Treas. to date	To pay payrolls.....	767.54
	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills to date.	198.17—
June 30	City Treas. to date	To pay payrolls to date.....	906.52
	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills to date.	119.98—
July 31	City Treas. to date	To pay cur'nt and future bills	3,000.00
Sept. 30	City Treas. to date	To pay cur'nt and future bills	1,000.00
Oct. 31	City Treas. to date	To pay cur'nt and future bills	3,000.00
Dec. 4	J. H. Boardman.....	For old ice-houses.....	125.00
31	City Treas. to date	To pay cur'nt and future bills	1,000.00—
			8,125.00
1896			
Jan. 1	Amts. overcredited	Errors on two payrolls.....	.35
31	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills.....	935.50
	City Treasurer.....	For eng. and adv. pk. bonds	1,425.56—
Feb. 28	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills.....	691.72
Mch. 11	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills.....	758.03
30	F. W. Shackley....	Rentals from Pope Park....	34.67—
Apr. 6	F. Rooney.....	Water and tax bills.....	17.50
27	F. W. Shackley...	Rents from Pope Pk. to date	36.25
30	City Treas. to date	To pay current bills.....	1,687.13—
			1,740.88
Receipts for 13 months.....			\$16,643.38

Expenditures.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
1895				
Apr. 6	Payroll No. 1 .....	..	One week's labor	\$197.73
13	Payroll No. 2 .....	..	One week's labor	175.84
17	E. S. Griswold, Agt. ....	..	Trees and shrubs	8.00
	J. J. Poole & Co. ....	..	Coal	13.90
	F. C. Sturtevant .....	..	Fertilizer	75.00
	S. J. Hussey & Co. ....	..	Paints, etc.	14.35
	Hartford Elec. Lt. Co. ....	..	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
19	Ad. Ex. Co. (adv. by Sec.) ..	..	Package of trees.	.50
20	Payroll No. 3 .....	..	One week's labor	200.81
27	Payroll No. 4 .....	..	One week's labor	242.53
29	U. S. Ex. Co. (adv. by Sec.) ..	..	Package of trees	.50
May 1	Thos. McClunie .....	..	Shrubs	10.50
	F. H. Horsford (Vt.) .....	..	Shrubs and plants	9.51
	T. Meehan & Sons, Phil. ....	..	Trees and shrubs	37.60
4	Payroll No. 5 .....	..	One week's labor	190.79
11	Payroll No. 6 .....	..	One week's labor	191.73
15	Payroll No. 7 .....	..	One week's labor	188.40
22	Charles Coburn .....	..	Port'l'd cem't 6 bl.	19.50
	Hartford Elec. Lt. Co. ....	..	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	W. W. Hunt & Co. ....	..	Plants, etc.	16.00
	R. E. Griswold, Agt. ....	..	Shrubs and trees.	50.06
	Hartford Eng. Co. ....	..	Half-tone eng's..	45.00
25	Payroll No. 8 .....	..	One week's labor	196.62
June 1	Payroll No. 9 .....	..	One week's labor	171.57
5	F. J. Champlin, Norwich ..	..	Shrubs	36.00
	S. J. Hussey & Co. ....	..	Paints	7.63
	The C., L. & B. Co. ....	..	Print'g rep'ts, etc.	53.10
	C. J. Anderson .....	..	Turf	8.00
	Hartford Elec. Lt. Co. ....	..	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	W. Tewksbury .....	..	Team	2.00
	Fowler & Miller Co. ....	..	Pos. cards, print'g	2.25
	F. C. Sturtevant .....	..	Insecticides	1.00
8	Payroll No. 10 .....	..	One week's labor	225.46
15	Payroll No. 11 .....	..	One week's labor	179.13
22	Payroll No. 12 .....	..	One week's labor	170.52
29	Payroll No. 13 .....	..	One week's labor	159.84
July 3	Francis Goodwin	1	Hire of carriage..	1.75
8	W. G. Bradley	2	Of signs	2.75
	Payroll No. 14	3	One week's labor	164.45
10	Robbins Brothers	4	Furni're for office	163.00
11	James Mooney	5	Blacksmithing	33.46
13	Hfd. City Gas Lt. Co.	6	Rent, office to July	56.25
	Payroll No. 15	7	One week's labor	173.43
20	Payroll No. 16	8	One week's labor	183.97
29	Payroll No. 17	9	One week's labor	198.84
	Charles Coburn	10	Cement	3.95
	C. B. Boardman	11	Team	8.00
	W. H. Post Carpet Co.	12	Carpet for office.	43.87
	Cadwell & Jones.	13	Grass seed, etc.	46.32
	S. J. Hussey & Co.	14	Paints, etc.	14.04
	The C., L. & B. Co.	15	Printing	5.85
	Olds & Whipple	16	Hardware, etc.	9.05
	Sisson & Co.	17	Sponges, H. of C.	1.15
	Plimpton Mfg. Co.	18	Stationery	1.87
	Trinity College	19	Ground-rent B. P.	65.88

\$939.19

\$965.71

\$1,026.50

Expenditures — Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
July 29	Rob. Marchant	20	Plants and sett'ng	\$ 20.00
	Hfd. Electric Light Co	21	Light, H. of Com	10.00 —
Aug. 5	Payroll No. 18	22	One week's labor	197.97
Aug. 12	Payroll No. 19	23	One week's labor	165.78
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co	24	July rent of office	37.50
17	W. W. Havens	25	Joinery in office..	13.98
	Barrett Brothers	26	Joinery on Bus. P.	78.95
	S. W. Adams	27	Cash pd. for sun.	8.95
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co.	28	Machine oils, etc.	6.82
	John Coombs	29	Plants and sett'ng	36.00
	L. B. Herrick	30	Stumps, Park Riv.	10.00
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	31	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	Francis & Co.	32	Hard're and tools	12.41
19	Payroll No. 20	33	One week's labor	167.98
26	Payroll No. 21	34	One week's labor	189.24 —
Sept. 3	Payroll No. 22	35	One week's labor	207.10
9	Payroll No. 23	36	One week's labor	208.54
	James Ogilvy	37	Services as janitor	12.00
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co	38	Rent of office. . .	37.50
	Hebard & Co	39	Transportation ..	.75
	Belknap & Warfield...	40	Blank book .....	.50
	Olds & Whipple	41	Tools, etc.	14.94
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	42	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
16	Payroll No. 24	43	One week's labor	214.75
23	Payroll No. 25	44	One week's labor	174.57
	S. N. E. Telephone Co.	45	Tele'one for office	11.84
30	Payroll No. 26	46	One week's labor	160.68 —
Oct. 2	Robert Garvie	47	Plumbing	1.20
	E. Taylor & Sons	48	Lumber	2.28
	J. H. & W. E. Cone...	49	Hardware	8.89
	Hartford Wire Works..	50	Wire netting	14.86
	J. H. Saunders	51	Making hand-cart	37.50
7	Payroll No. 27	52	One week's labor	154.68
8	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	53	Rent of office. . .	37.50
14	Payroll No. 28	54	One week's labor	155.12
15	S. J. Hussey & Co.	55	Oils, paints, etc..	5.71
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co.	56	Machine oils. . .	10.44
	Olds & Whipple	57	Tools	15.81
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	58	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	Charles Coburn	59	Cement	3.25
	C. B. Boardman	60	Carriage hire ..	3.00
21	Payroll No. 29	61	One week's labor	143.07
28	Payroll No. 30	62	One week's labor	139.24
31	S. W. Adams, Sec'y...	63	6 mos. sal. to date	250.00
	S. N. E. Telephone Co.	64	Tel. to Dec. 31...	14.40
	Geo. E. Taintor	65	Cash pd. typ'wr'tr	3.00
	Geo. A. Hunn	66	Manure	5.00
	The C., L. & B. Co.	67	Printing	10.00
	Hfd. Engraving Co.	68	Photos and plates	4.50
	Cadwell & Jones	69	Grass-seed bro'ms	3.75
	Peter Lux	70	Chairs, use car. of	7.80
	L. Barker & Co.	71	Boxes (for coal) ..	3.00 —
Nov. 4	Payroll No. 31	72	One week's labor	122.60
8	E. W. Clarke & Son...	73	Asphalt walk	600.00
11	Payroll No. 32	74	One week's labor	149.69
18	Payroll No. 33	75	One week's labor	135.35

Expenditures — Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
Nov. 25	Payroll No. 34	76	One week's labor	\$106.78
30	E. W. Clarke & Son...	77	Asphalt walk.	400.00—
Dec. 2	Payroll No. 35	78	One week's labor	121.04
3	Hfd. City Gas Lt. Co...	79	Off. r. \$75 gas \$1.01	76.01
	Water Commissioners...	80	Water b. to Nov. 1	126.00
	J. Ogilvy	81	Janitor to Dec. 1	12.00
	Hartford Elec. Lt. Co..	82	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	Robert Garvie	83	Plumb'g H. of C.	499.00
	Hartford Coal Co.....	84	Coal	30.00
9	Payroll No. 36	85	One week's labor	107.43
16	Payroll No. 37	86	One week's labor	77.42
23	Payroll No. 38	87	One week's labor	66.71
30	Payroll No. 39	88	One week's labor	59.13—
1896				\$1,184.74
Jan. 3	Brandon Brothers	89	Carting sand, etc.	70.00
4	M. J. Black	90	Team	2.00
	Hfd. St. Sprinkling Co.	91	Street-sprinkling	25.00
	E. Taylor & Sons.....	92	Lumber .....	.70
	Olmsted, Olms'd & Eliot	93	Landscape work.	337.35
	Hartford Elec. Lt. Co..	94	Light, H. of Com.	20.00
	Charles Coburn.....	95	Cement.....	6.50
	S. J. Hussey & Co....	96	Paints, etc.....	4.02
	Payroll No. 40	97	One week's labor	63.30
7	L. W. Burt.....	98	Surv. E-side park	450.00
	Plimpton Mfg. Co.....	99	Stationery.....	2.10
	Cadwell & Jones.....	100	Brooms.....	3.25
	C. O. Purinton.....	101	Evergr'n boughs	10.00
	C. E. Bishop.....	102	Shovel-handles..	3.00
	Frank & Co.....	103	Adv'g park bonds	42.45
	H. L. Bk. Note Co. "	104	Eng. park bonds	1,250.00
13	Payroll No. 41	105	One week's labor	99.13
	Hartford Courant Co...	106	Adv'g park bonds	36.00
	Burr Brothers.....	107	Adv'g park bonds	35.43
	Hartford Telegram Co.	108	Adv'g park bonds	34.13
	Evening Post Asso'n..	109	Adv'g park bonds	27.55
	Barrett Brothers	110	Joinery, repairs..	60.32
	Hfd. City Gas Lt. Co..	111	Off. r. to Jan. 1, '96	37.50
20	Payroll No. 42	112	One week's labor	62.29
	E. W. Clarke & Son...	113	Asphalt walks...	244.90
27	Payroll No. 43	114	One week's labor	69.37—
Feb. 3	Payroll No. 44 ..	115	One week's labor	72.27
5	Plimpton Mfg. Co.....	115a	Stationery.....	6.10
	Wm. G. Whitmore.....	116	Survey bill, S. p'k	27.00
	Robert Garvie	117	Plumbing	5.69
	S. N. E. Telephone Co.	118	Teleph. to Mar. 31	14.40
	Hfd. City Gas Lt. Co..	119	Off. rent for Jan.	37.50
	Olds & Whipple.....	120	Hardware, etc...	2.78
	J. H. & W. E. Cone...	121	Hardware, etc...	.94
	S. B. Bosworth.....	122	Akron tiles.....	2.56
	Hfd. Elec. Lt. Co.....	123	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	Belknap & Warfield...	124	Stationery	1.05
	American Dist. Tel. Co.	125	Messeng'r service	1.70
10	Payroll No. 45	126	One week's labor	155.44
17	Payroll No. 46	127	One week's labor	117.76
24	Payroll No. 47	128	One week's labor	51.45—
Mar. 2	Payroll No. 48 ..	129	One week's labor	60.50
				\$506.64

Expenditures — Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
Mar. 5	James Ogilvy.....	130	Janitor at office..	\$ 12.00
9	Francis & Co.....	131	Hardware.....	10.61
	Wm. H. Talcott.....	132	Binding books...	10.00
	T. J. Blake & Son....	133	Brass-w'k(plum'g)	2.25
	St. Sprink'g & Sup. Co.	134	Sprinkling streets	144.75
	Payroll No. 49.....	135	One week's labor	68.56
16	Payroll No. 50.....	136	One week's labor	121.59
13	Payroll No. 51.....	137	One week's labor	142.79
20	Payroll No. 52.....	138	One week's labor	130.47— \$703.52
Apr. 6	Payroll No. 1 (to Supt.)	1	One week's labor	145.00
7	Theodore Wirth, Supt.	2	One months' sal'y	125.00
	S. W. Adams.....	3	6 month's salary.	250.00
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	4	Rent to April 1st.	75.00
8	J. D. Lapaugh.....	5	Shing. tool-house	103.00
9	Francis & Co.....	6	Hardware.....	14.37
	Smith & McDonough..	7	Stationery.....	33.86
	Syracuse Chill. Plow Co	8	Road scraper....	26.25
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	9	Light, H. of Com.	10.00
	Robbins Brothers.....	10	Furn. Sup't office	43.25
	The C., L. & B. Co....	11	Inventory blanks	11.75
	S. J. Hussey & Co....	12	Paints, etc.....	1.20
	Charles R. Hart & Co..	13	Linoleum S. office	23.00
	Tracy & Robinson....	14	Hardware... ..	9.00
	J. H. & W. E. Cone...	15	Hardware.....	12.44
10	H. Cowlishaw.....	16	Cutlery.....	1.70
	J. H. Eckhardt.....	17	Water colors for S	2.15
	Blodgett & Clapp Co..	18	Hammers.....	1.40
	Olds & Whipple.....	19	Lawn-mo'er re'irs	3.29
	Brown, Thomson & Co	20	Furn. Sup't office	8.71
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	21	Gas bill to Mar. 1	1.50
	Hartford Lumber Co...	22	Lumber.....	8.17
	Theodore Wirth.....	23	Sundries (ex. p'd).	1.70
	E. Taylor & Sons.....	24	Lumber.....	2.64
13	Payroll No. 2 (to Supt.)	25	One week's labor	202.49
20	Payroll No. 3 (to Supt.)	26	One week's labor	255.91
27	Payroll No. 4 (to Supt.)	27	One week's labor	441.23— 1,814.01
Expenditures for 13 months.....				\$15,891.62
On hand to balance.....				751.76
				<u>\$16,643.38</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

1895.									
Apr. 1.		On hand from last year,	.	.	.			\$0.05	
30.		From all sources,	.	.	.	.		\$938.16	
May 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	966.96	
June 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,026.50	— 2,931.62
July 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	3,000.00	
Sept. 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,000.00	
Oct. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	3,000.00	
Dec. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,125.00	— 8,125.00
1896.									
Jan. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	2,361.41	
Feb. 28.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	691.72	
Mch. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	792.70	— 3,845.83
Apr. 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.		1,740.88
		Receipts in 13 months,	.	.	.	.			<u>\$16,643.38</u>

Expenditures.

1895.									
Apr. 30.		For all purposes,	.	.	.	.	.	\$939.16	
May 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	965.71	
June 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,026.50	— \$2,931.37
July 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,207.88	
Aug. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	935.58	
Sept. 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,053.17	
Oct. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,044.00	
Nov. 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,514.42	
Dec. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	1,184.74	— 6,939.79
1896.									
Jan. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	2,996.29	
Feb. 28.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	506.64	
Mch. 31.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	703.52	— 4,206.45
Apr. 30.	"	"	"	.	.	.	.		1,814.01
		Expenditures in 13 months,	.	.	.	.			<u>\$15,891.62</u>
		On hand to balance, .	.	.	.	.			751.76
									<u>\$16,643.38</u>

HARTFORD, CONN., May 5, 1896.

I hereby certify I have examined the books, vouchers, and statement of Board of Park Commissioners and find them correct.

CHAS. H. ROBBINS,
City Auditor.

EXPENDITURES AS CLASSIFIED.

For 56 weekly payrolls,	\$8,696.08
" trees, shrubs, and plants,	233.67
" fuel, \$43.90; lighting, \$121.50,	165.40
" fertilizers,	80.00
" turf and sand, \$78.00; insecticides, \$1.00,	79.00
" photos and engravings (for Report),	49.50
" painter's supplies,	69.11
" transportation,	20.20
" printing, binding, and stationery,	141.43
" cement,	35.76
" telephone and messenger service,	42.34
" furniture at office of Commissioners, \$206.87; at Superintendent's, \$74.76,	281.83
" janitor's services,	36.00
" office rent,	394.76
" hardware, tools, and implements,	158.74
" blacksmith work,	35.71
" grass-seed,	50.07
" sponges, etc., House of Comfort,	1.15
" ground rent, part of Bushnell Park,	65.88
" taking stumps from river,	10.00
" joinery and material furnished,	256.25
" plumbing,	505.89
" lumber,	13.79
" hand-carts,	37.50
" woodenware and wooden tools,	17.05
" water and sprinkling streets,	295.75
" sundries bought by Secretary,	8.95
" asphalt walks, Bushnell Park,	1,244.90
" surveying and landscape work,	814.35
" advertising and engraving Park Bonds,	1,425.56
" salary of Secretary to May 1,	500.00
" salary of Superintendent for one month,	125.00
Total for 13 months,	<u>\$15,891.62</u>

S. W. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

THE TWO PERMANENT FUNDS.

I. THE TAX FUND (accruing from the 5-mill assessment).

The City Treasurer received from the Collector and deposited in the

City Treasury to the credit of this Board prior to May 1, 1896, . \$23,788.91

He charged against this Board its disbursements prior to May 1,

1896, 15,891.62

Leaving a balance on TAX FUND account of \$7,897.29

2. BOND FUND (accruing from sale of Park Improvement Bonds).

He has also placed in the City Treasury to the credit of this board

accruing from sale of 150 bonds,	\$153,075.00
And charged against this fund for lands purchased,	\$44,579.99
And for advertising and engraving bonds,	1,425.56 — 46,005.55
Leaving a balance to the credit of the BOND FUND of	<u>\$107,069.45</u>

The aggregate balance of the two funds should therefore be, . . . \$114,966.74

INCIDENTAL.

From incidental sources there have been received by this Board

various sums which amount to \$215.02

As this amount was not turned into the City Treasury it is not properly included in either of said two funds on the Treasurer's books. No drafts have been drawn against this fund expressly, as it is merged in the Board's bank deposit.

Note.— Sums needed for the purchase of lands were paid by the City Treasurer directly to the parties selling the lands. The \$1,425.56 for advertising and engraving Park Bonds were paid by this Board directly from its bank deposit.

APPENDIX G.

SCHEDULE OF LANDS PURCHASED FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Date.	From Whom.	Price Paid.	No. of Acres.	Location.
^{1895.} Oct. 17	Hartford Ice Company, . . .	\$25,000.00	40	No. Meadow, betw. Water St. and River.
Nov. 7	Luke Corcoran,	3,000.00	16½	South (nameless) Park.
	E. H. Chapin, Exr.,	1,250.00	Not stated	Near Pope tract, west of Park River. Nine lots.
^{1896.} Jan. 26	S. P., F. W., and A. M. Sigourney,	700.00	Not stated	Building lot, near Pope tract.
Jan. 21	Freeman Seymour,	7,520.00	37 6-10	South (nameless) Park.
Mch. 14	Sophia Whitehead,	800.00	Not stated	Two building lots near Pope tract.
	Etta C. Uhlich,	666.66	7	All in one piece in South (nameless) Park.
	Eva M. Munsill,	666.67		
	Gail B. Munsill,	666.66		
Apr. 2	Francis Rooney,	1,810.00	Not stated	No. Meadow, E. of Water St.
16	Belle B. and W. H. Kellogg, .	2,500.00	Not stated	No. Meadow, both sides Water St.
	Total,	\$44,579.99	101 + acres	

APPENDIX H.

LIST OF PRINTED BOOKS, ETC., BELONGING TO PARK DEPARTMENT.

Hartford,	Journals of Aldermen: 1883-4, 1885-6, 1892-3, 1893-4, 1894-5.
	“ Councilmen: 1883-4, 1885-6, 1892-3, 1894-5.
	Municipal Registers: 1889, 1892, 1893, 1894.
	Atlas of Hartford, Hopkins, 1880.
	Annual Reports of Park Commissioners, 1893, 1894, 1895, 3 pamphlets; all that this Board has issued in that form.
Baltimore,	Park Reports: 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.
Boston,	“ 1880, 1881, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.
Brooklyn,	“ 1891, 1893, 1894.
Buffalo,	“ 1894; Park System, 1881.
Cambridge,	“ 1894, 1895.
Chicago,	“ (West), 1893; South Park, 1893; West Chicago, 1895.
Cincinnati,	“ 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.
Cleveland,	“ 1894, 1895.
Des Moines,	“ 1895.
Detroit,	“ 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.
Louisville,	“ 1892; Act, 1890; Rules, etc., 1892.
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APPENDIX I.

LIST OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The following is believed to be a nearly correct list of the actual terms of service of each of the Park Commissioners. But as there were some resignations and deaths in office, and some appointments for filling unexpired or short terms, it is difficult to determine, precisely, the periods actually served by each.

- *William L. Collins, 1860 to 1865; *President*.
- George Beach, 1860 to 1864; 1866 to 1869; *President*.
- James L. Howard, 1860 to 1863; 1865 to 1867; *President*.
- Gurdon W. Russell, 1860 to 1862; 1880 and still in office.
- *Charles F. Pond, 1860-1861.
- *Gustavus F. Davis, 1860-1861.
- *H. Tudor Brownell, 1861 to 1865.
- *Charles H. Northam, 1862.
- *Edward H. Brinley, 1863 to 1864.
- *James C. Jackson, 1863 to 1868.
- *Thomas Belknap, 1864 to 1868.
- *George S. Lincoln, 1865 to 1870.
- Samuel V. Woodruff, 1866 to 1871.
- *Alpheus F. Snow, 1867 to 1871.
- *Normand Smith, 1869 to 1873.
- *Frederick S. Brown, 1870 to 1881; *President*.
- *Edward H. Fenn, 1872 to 1881.
- Leverett Brainard, 1872 to 1876.
- Charles Dudley Warner, 1873 to 1883.
- Abraham Hollander, 1874 to 1879.
- *Stiles D. Sperry, 1877 to 1882.
- *Richard D. Hubbard, 1879 to 1883.
- *Samuel R. McNary, 1880 to 1883; *President*.
- Francis Goodwin, 1880 to the present time; *President*.
- Frank L. Howard, 1883 to 1888.
- Sherman W. Adams, 1884 to the present time; *President*.
- John H. Brocklesby, 1884 to 1889.
- Joseph Hall, 1889 to 1894.
- Edwin P. Parker, 1891 to the present time.
- William DeLoss Love, Jr., 1894 to the present time.

* Deceased.

Leverett Brainard, *ex officio*, 1895 to 1896.

Charles E. Gross, 1895, still in office.

Willis I. Twitchell, 1895, " "

Lucius F. Robinson, 1895, " "

George H. Day, 1895, " "

Patrick Garvan, 1895, " "

Miles B. Preston, 1896, *ex officio*, still in office.

APPENDIX J.

LIST OF THE SPECIES OF TREES AND SHRUBS TO BE FOUND IN BUSHNELL PARK.

The following list, prepared by the president of the Board, is believed to be very nearly complete. Some of the species, especially of the willows and viburnums, may prove to be different from those named herein; indeed, the order of *Salicaceæ* (which includes the willows and poplars) is a difficult one to be classified, even among experienced botanists.

Some of the species named were set the present season. In case of their failure to live, such names will, of course, have to be erased from the list. A few species came in spontaneously, or by chance.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir.
<i>A. Canadensis</i>	See " <i>Tsuga</i> ."
<i>A. excelsa</i>	Norway Spruce. And see <i>Picea</i> .
<i>A. nigra</i>	Black, or Double Spruce. And see <i>Picea</i> .
<i>A. Nordmanniana</i>	Nordmann's Silver Fir.
<i>Acer dasycarpum</i>	White, or Silver Maple.
<i>A. dasycarpum</i> , var. <i>Wieri</i>	Wier's Cut-leaved Maple.
<i>A. Ginnala</i>	Ginnala Maple.
<i>A. Japonicum</i>	Japanese Maples, dwarf; several varieties.
<i>A. platanoides</i>	Norway Maple.
<i>A. platanoides</i> , var. <i>Geneva</i>	Purple-leaved Norway Maple.
<i>A. platanoides</i> , var. <i>Reitenbachii</i>	Red-leaved Norway Maple.
<i>A. pseudo-platanus</i>	Sycamore Maple.
<i>A. pseudo-platanus</i> , var.	Purple-leaved Sycamore Maple.
<i>A. rubrum</i>	Red Maple; Swamp Maple, or Soft Maple.
<i>A. rubrum</i> , var. <i>pyramidale</i>	Spiry Red Maple.
<i>A. saccharinum</i>	Sugar Maple; Rock Maple.
<i>A. spicatum</i>	Mountain Maple.
<i>A. striatum</i>	Striped Maple; Moose-wood.
<i>Æsculus glabra</i>	Ohio buckeye.
<i>Æ. hippocastanum</i>	Horse-Chestnut.
<i>Æ. hippocastanum</i> , var.	Red-flowering Horse-Chestnut.
<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	Common, or Tag Alder.
† <i>A. incana</i>	Speckled Alder; Hoary Alder.
<i>Amelanchier Canadensis</i>	Shad-bush; Juneberry; Service-berry.
<i>A. Canadensis</i> , var. <i>botryapium</i>	Shad-bush.
<i>A. Oligocarpa</i>	Dwarf Shad-bush.
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo.
<i>Ampelopsis quinquefolia</i>	Virginian Creeper; Am. Woodbine.
<i>A. Veitchii</i>	Japanese Ivy; Veitch's Ivy.
<i>Andromeda Mariana</i>	Stagger-bush.
<i>A. speciosa</i>	Showy Andromeda.
<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	Hercules' Club.

BOTANICAL NAMES.

POPULAR NAMES.

† <i>Asimina triloba</i>	Papaw.
† <i>Azalea</i> (or <i>Rhodendron</i>) <i>Pontica</i> .	Ghent (cultivated hybrid) <i>Azalea</i> .
<i>A. mollis</i>	Japanese <i>Azalea</i> (cultivated hybrid).
<i>A. nudiflora</i>	Wild Red <i>Azalea</i> ; Swamp Honeysuckle; Pinxter Flower.
<i>A. viscosa</i>	White Swamp-honeysuckle.
<i>Baccaris halimifolia</i>	Groundsel-tree; a shrub.
<i>Berberis Thunbergii</i>	Thunberg's Barberry.
<i>B. vulgaris</i>	Common Barberry.
<i>Betula alba</i>	European White Birch.
<i>B. alba</i> , var. <i>purpurea</i>	Purple-leaved White Birch.
<i>B. laciniata</i>	Cut-leaved White Birch.
<i>B. lenta</i>	Black, Sweet, or Cherry Birch.
<i>B. papyrifera</i>	Canoe Birch; White Birch.
<i>B. populifolia</i>	American White Birch.
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice; Strawberry-bush.
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian Pea Tree.
<i>C. fruticosa</i>	Pea Tree; a yellow-flowering shrub.
<i>Carpinus Caroliniana</i>	Am. Hornbeam; Blue Beach; Iron-wood.
<i>Carya alba</i>	Shell-bark (or Shag-bark) Hickory.
<i>C. tomentosa</i>	Mocker Nut; White-heart Hickory.
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Chestnut; White Chestnut.
† <i>C. pumila</i>	Chinquapin.
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	Catalpa; Indian Bean.
<i>C. speciosa</i>	Showy Catalpa.
<i>Ceanothus Americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea.
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Climbing Bittersweet; Wax-work.
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry; Sugar-berry; Nettle Tree.
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Button Bush.
<i>Cerasus avium</i> , var. (?)	Double-flowering Cherry.
<i>C. vulgaris</i>	Common English Cherry. A chance specimen.
<i>Cercis Canadensis</i>	Red-Bud; Judas Tree.
<i>Chamaecyparis sphæroidea</i>	White Cedar.
<i>Chionanthus Virginiana</i>	White Fringe.
<i>Cladrastis tinctoria</i>	Yellow-wood.
<i>Clematis Jackmanni</i>	Purple Clematis.
<i>C. Virginiana</i>	Virgin's Bower; Wild Clematis.
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Sweet Pepperbush; White Alder.
<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna.
<i>Comptonia asplenifolia</i>	Sweet Fern.
<i>Corchorus</i> (or <i>Kerria</i>) <i>Japonica</i> .	Globe Flower, double and single.
<i>Cornus alba sanguinea</i>	Red-stemmed Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. alternifolia</i>	Blue Dogwood, or Cornel.
<i>C. cercinata</i>	Round-leaved Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood, white and red.
<i>C. mas</i> , or <i>mascula</i>	Cornelian Cherry; Yellow-flowered Dogwood.
<i>C. paniculata</i>	Panicled Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>C. sericea</i>	Silky Cornel; Kinnikinnick.
<i>C. alba</i> , var. <i>Siberica</i>	Siberian Cornel.
<i>C. stolonifera</i>	Red-Osier Cornel, or Dogwood.
<i>Crataegus coccinea</i>	Scarlet-fruited Thorn; Thorn-Apple.
<i>C. crus-galli</i>	Cockspur Thorn.
<i>C. oxyacanthus</i>	English Hawthorn.
<i>C. oxyacanthus</i> , var. (?)	Paul's Thorn, double-flowering.
<i>Cydonia Japonica</i>	Flowering Quince; Japanese Quince.
<i>Cytisus laburnum</i>	Golden Chain; Laburnum.
<i>Daphne Genkwa</i>	Japanese Daphne.
<i>Desmodium penduliflorum</i>	Drooping Tick-Trefoil.
<i>Deutzia crenata</i>	Double Deutzia.
<i>D. gracilis</i>	Dwarf Deutzia.
<i>D. Watereri</i>	Waterer's Deutzia.
<i>Diervilla Japonica</i>	Rose Weigela.

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† <i>Diospyros Virginiana</i>	American Persimmon; Date-plum.
<i>Dirca palustris</i>	Leatherwood; Wickaby; Moosewood.
<i>Euonymus</i> (<i>Evonymus</i>) <i>Europæus</i>	Spindle Tree; Burning Bush.
† <i>Eleagnus longipes</i>	Japanese (red) Silver-berry.
<i>Exochorda grandiflora</i>	A Japanese Shrub; Pearl-bush.
<i>Fagus ferruginea</i>	Common Beech.
<i>F. ferruginea</i> , var. <i>rubra</i>	River's Purple Beech.
<i>Forsythia viridissima</i>	Golden bells; Green Forsythia.
<i>Fraxinus Americana</i>	White Ash.
<i>F. pubescens</i>	Red Ash.
† <i>Gaylussacia frondosa</i>	Blue-tangle; Dangleberry.
<i>Gleditsia triacanthua</i>	Honey Locust; Three-thorned Acacia.
<i>Gymnocladus Canadensis</i>	Kentucky Coffee-tree.
<i>Halesia diptera</i>	Silver Bell.
<i>Hamamelis Virginica</i>	Witch Hazel; Spotted Alder.
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy; English Ivy.
<i>Hibiscus Moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose-mallow.
<i>H. Syriacus</i>	Shrubby Althæa; Rose of Sharon.
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	Panicked Hydrangea.
<i>Hypericum</i> (<i>Aureum</i> ?).	St. John's Wort; a shrub. No vulgar name?
† <i>Idesia</i> ————.	A Japanese Tree.
<i>Ilex lævigata</i>	Winterberry.
<i>I. verticillata</i>	Winterberry; Black Alder.
<i>Itea Virginica</i>	Itea; a shrub.
<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Butternut.
<i>J. nigra</i>	Black Walnut.
<i>Juniperus Canadensis</i>	Common Juniper.
† <i>J. communis</i> , <i>nana</i>	Prostrate Juniper.
<i>J. Virginiana</i>	Red Cedar.
<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>	Sheep Laurel; Lambkill; Wicky.
<i>K. latifolia</i>	Laurel, Calico bush, Spoonwood, Boxwood, and other
<i>Kerria Japonica</i>	See <i>Corchorus</i> . [names.
<i>Koeleruteria paniculata</i>	Chinese Bladder-pod.
† <i>Larix Americana</i>	Tamarack; Hackmatack; Am. Larch.
<i>L. Europæa</i>	Irish (or Scottish) Larch.
<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	Californian Privet.
<i>L. vulgare</i>	Common Privet, or Prim.
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spice-bush; Wild Allspice; Benjamin-bush.
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet-gum Tree; Bilsted; Alligator Tree.
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree; Rain Tree; Whitewood.
<i>Lycium vulgare</i>	Matrimony Vine.
<i>Lonicera Tartarica</i>	Tartarian Honeysuckle; Twin Honeysuckle.
† <i>Maclura aurantica</i>	Osage Orange; Bois d'arc.
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber Tree.
<i>M. conspicua</i>	Yulan Magnolia.
† <i>M. Lennel</i>	Lennis Magnolia.
<i>M. Soulangiana</i>	Purple Magnolia.
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry.
<i>M. rubra</i>	Red Mulberry.
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Bayberry; Wax Myrtle; Candleberry.
<i>Negundo aceroides</i>	Box Elder; Ash-leaved Maple.
<i>Nemopanthes Canadensis</i>	Mountain Holly.
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Tupelo; Pepperidge; Black, or Sour, Gum.
<i>Ostrya Virginica</i>	} Hop Hornbeam; Iron-wood. This is wrongly called { "Witch Hazel" by most farmers.
† <i>Pavia macrostachia</i>	California Buckeye.
<i>Persica vulgaris</i>	Common Peach; a chance specimen.
<i>P. vulgaris</i> , flore pleno.	Double-flowering Peach.
<i>P. vulgaris</i> , var. <i>camelliaeflora</i>	Camelia-flowered Peach.
<i>Philadelphus coronarius</i>	Mock Orange; Syringa.
<i>P. inodorus</i>	Scentless Mock Orange.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
<i>Picea alba</i>	White Spruce.
<i>P. excelsa</i>	Norway Spruce.
<i>P. nigra</i>	Black Spruce ; Double Spruce.
<i>Pinus laricio</i> , var. <i>nigricans</i>	Austrian Pine.
<i>P. rigida</i>	Pitch Pine ; Candlewood Tree.
<i>P. strobus</i>	White Pine.
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore ; Buttonwood ; Button-ball ; Western Plane.
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar ; Silver Poplar ; Abele ; Aspen.
<i>P. fastigiata</i>	Lombardy Poplar.
<i>P. grandidenta</i>	Large-toothed Aspen ; Cottonwood.
<i>P. monilifera</i>	Cottonwood ; Necklace Poplar.
<i>P. tremuloides</i>	American Aspen ; Whitewood.
<i>Prinos verticillata</i>	See Ilex.
<i>Prunus Americana</i>	Wild Yellow (or Red) Plum.
<i>P. institia</i>	Bullace Tree.
<i>P. Pennsylvanica</i>	Wild Red Cherry.
<i>P. Pissardii</i>	Crimson-leaved (Persian) Plum.
<i>P. sinensis</i> , fl. pl.	Flowering Almond (double red).
<i>P. serotina</i>	Wild Black Cherry.
<i>P. spinosa</i>	Blackthorn ; Sloe.
<i>P. triloba</i>	Double-flowering Plum ; a shrub.
<i>P. Virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry ; a shrub.
<i>Ptelia trifoliata</i>	Hop Tree.
<i>Pyrus arbutifolia</i>	Choke Berry ; a shrub.
<i>P. aucuparia</i>	Mountain Ash ; Rowan Tree ; Quicken Tree.
<i>P. coronaria</i> , fl. pl.	Am. Crab Apple (double-flowering).
<i>P. communis</i>	Choke Pear ; a chance specimen.
<i>P. malus</i>	Wild Apple ; a chance specimen.
<i>P. malus Parkmannii</i>	Parkmann's Flowering Apple.
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak. One is seedling from the Charter Oak.
<i>Q. bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak.
<i>Q. cerris</i>	Cerris Oak ; Turkey Oak.
<i>Q. coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak.
† <i>Q. ilicifolia</i>	Bear Oak ; Black Scrub-oak.
<i>Q. imbricaria</i>	Laurel Oak ; Single Oak.
<i>Q. marcoparpa</i>	Mossy-Cup (Over-cup) Oak ; Burr Oak.
<i>Q. Muhlenbergii</i>	Chestnut-leaved Oak.
<i>Q. ralustris</i>	Pin Oak ; Swamp-Spanish Oak.
† <i>Q. prinoides</i>	White Scrub-Oak ; dwarf.
<i>Q. prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak ; Rock-chestnut Oak.
<i>Q. robur</i>	English Oak.
<i>Q. robur</i> , var. <i>concordia</i>	Golden-leaved English Oak.
<i>Q. robur</i> , var. <i>purpurea</i>	Purple English Oak.
<i>Q. rubra</i>	Red Oak.
<i>Q. tinctoria</i>	Black Oak ; Quercitron ; Yellow-barked Oak.
† <i>Retinospora obtusa</i>	Japanese Cypress ; two varieties.
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Buckthorn.
<i>Rhododendron Catawbiense</i>	Rhododendron ; Rose Bay ; several varieties ; or hybrids.
† <i>R. maximum</i>	Great Laurel ; largest of Rhodendrons. Ours grew wild in Montville, Conn.
<i>R. nudiflorum</i>	Swamp Honeysuckle ; Pinxter Flower ; Purple Azalea.
<i>R. Calendulaceum</i>	Flame-colored Azalea. It yields the edible fungus called honeysuckle-apple.
<i>R. viscosum</i>	Clammy Azalea ; White Swamp-honeysuckle.
<i>Rhodora Canadensis</i>	Has no vulgar name.
<i>Rhus capallina</i>	Dwarf Sumach.
<i>R. cotinoides</i>	Smoke Tree.
<i>R. toxicodendron</i> (or <i>radicans</i>)	Poison Ivy ; Poison Creeper. A chance specimen.
<i>R. typhina</i>	Stag-horn Sumach.
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Missouri Currant ; Buffalo Currant.
<i>R. floridum</i>	Wild Black Currant.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
† <i>Robinia pseudacacia</i> .	Common Locust.
† <i>R. hispida</i> .	Rose Acacia; Bristly Locust.
<i>Rosa alba</i> .	White Rose.
<i>R. Carolina</i> .	Wild Swamp Rose.
<i>R. centifolia</i> , var. (?)	Moss Rose.
<i>R. damascena</i> .	Damask Rose.
<i>R. lucida</i> .	Wild Rose; Dwarf Wild Rose.
<i>R. rubiginosa</i> .	Sweetbrier; Eglantine.
<i>R. rugosa</i> .	Rough-leaved (Japanese) Rose. Red and White.
<i>R. spinosissima</i> , var. (?)	Yellow Rose; Persian Yellow Rose.
<i>R. Wichuriana</i> .	Spreading (Japanese) Rose.
<i>Rubus Occidentalis</i> .	Wild Black Raspberry; Thimbleberry.
<i>R. odoratus</i> .	Flowering (or Rose-flowering) Raspberry.
<i>R. strigosus</i> .	Wild Red Raspberry.
<i>R. villosus</i> .	Common Blackberry. The last three came in by chance.
<i>Salisburia adiantifolia</i> .	Ginko; Maiden-hair Tree. One is pistillate, and fruits
<i>Salix alba</i> (var. <i>vitellina</i> ?).	White Willow; Large Yellow Willow. [abundantly.
<i>S. Babylonica</i> .	Great Weeping Willow.
<i>S. cuprea</i> , var. <i>pendula</i> .	Kilmarnock Willow.
<i>S. discolor</i> .	Glaucous Willow.
<i>S. fragilis</i> .	Crack Willow.
<i>S. lucida</i> .	Shining Willow.
<i>S. nigra</i> .	Black Willow.
<i>S. purpurea</i> .	Purple Willow.
<i>S. regalis</i> .	Royal White-leaved Willow.
<i>S. rosmarinifolia</i> .	Rosemary Willow.
<i>S. viminalis</i> .	Osier Willow.
<i>Sambucus Canadensis</i> .	Common Elder; Elderberry Bush.
† <i>S. racemosa</i> .	Red-berried Elder.
<i>Sassafras officinale</i> .	Common Sassafras.
<i>Smilax rotundifolia</i> .	Common Greenbrier; Horse-Brier.
<i>Sophora Japonica</i> .	Japanese Sophora.
<i>Spiræa opulifolia</i> .	Nine-Bark.
<i>S. prunifolia</i> , fl. pl.	Bridal Wreath; Plum-leaved Spiræa.
<i>S. Reevesii</i> .	Reeve's Spiræa.
<i>S. salicifolia</i> .	Common Meadow-sweet.
<i>S. Thunbergii</i> .	Thunberg's Spiræa.
<i>S. tomentosa</i> .	Hardhack; Steeple Bush. [varieties.
<i>S. Van Houttei</i> .	Van Houte's Spiræa. Some of these appear to be merely
<i>Staphylea trifoliata</i> .	Three-leaved Bladder Nut.
<i>Stuartia pentagyna</i> .	American Camellia.
<i>Symphoricarpos racemosus</i> .	Snowberry.
<i>S. vulgaris</i> .	Indian Currant; Coral-Berry.
<i>Syringa Japonica</i> .	Japanese Tree-Lilac.
<i>S. Josikæa</i> .	Josika, or French Lilac. A Transylvanian species.
<i>S. Persica</i> .	Persian Lilac.
<i>S. vulgaris</i> .	Common Lilac, white and purple.
<i>Tamarix Gallica</i> .	French Tamarisk.
<i>T. Indica</i> .	Asiatic Tamarisk.
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> .	Southern Cypress; American Bald Cypress.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> .	Arbor Vitæ; White Cedar.
<i>Tilia Americana</i> .	American Linden; Basswood; White-wood.
<i>T. Europæa</i> .	Linden; Lime Tree.
<i>Tsuga</i> (or <i>Picea</i>) <i>Canadensis</i> .	Hemlock; Hemlock Spruce.
<i>Ulmus alata</i> .	American Cork Elm; Winged Elm.
<i>U. Americana</i> .	American Elm; White Elm.
<i>U. campestris</i> .	English Elm. One is golden-leaved.
<i>U. fulva</i> .	Slippery Elm; Red Elm.
<i>U. montana</i> .	Scotch Elm.
<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i> .	Deerberry; Squaw Huckleberry.
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> .	Dockmackie; Arrow-wood; Maple-leaved Virburnum.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	POPULAR NAMES.
<i>V. dentata</i>	Arrow-wood.
<i>V. lantanoides</i>	Am. Wayfaring Tree; Hobble Bush.
<i>V. lentago</i>	Sweet Virburnum; Sheepberry.
<i>V. opulus</i>	Cranberry Tree; Guelder Rose; Snowball.
<i>V. plicatum</i>	Japanese Snowball.
<i>Virgilia lutea</i>	See <i>Cladrastis</i> .
<i>Vitis cordifolia</i>	Frost Grape; Chicken Grape.
<i>Weigela rosea</i>	See <i>Diervilla</i> .
<i>Wistaria Sinensis</i>	Chinese Wistaria.
<i>Xanthoriza apiifolia</i>	Shrub Yellow-root.
<i>Xanthoxylum Americana</i>	Prickly Ash.

Those marked † were added since our Report for 1894.

Number of Genera,	127
Number of Species (not including Varieties),	267
Number of Species <i>plus</i> Varieties,	281

NOTE. The foregoing list does not include the many species now (May, 1896) being planted in Bushnell Park. On the *new* parks, now being opened, are some indigenous species, not to be found on any of the old parks.

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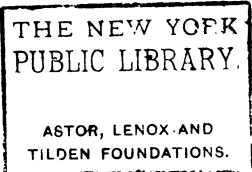
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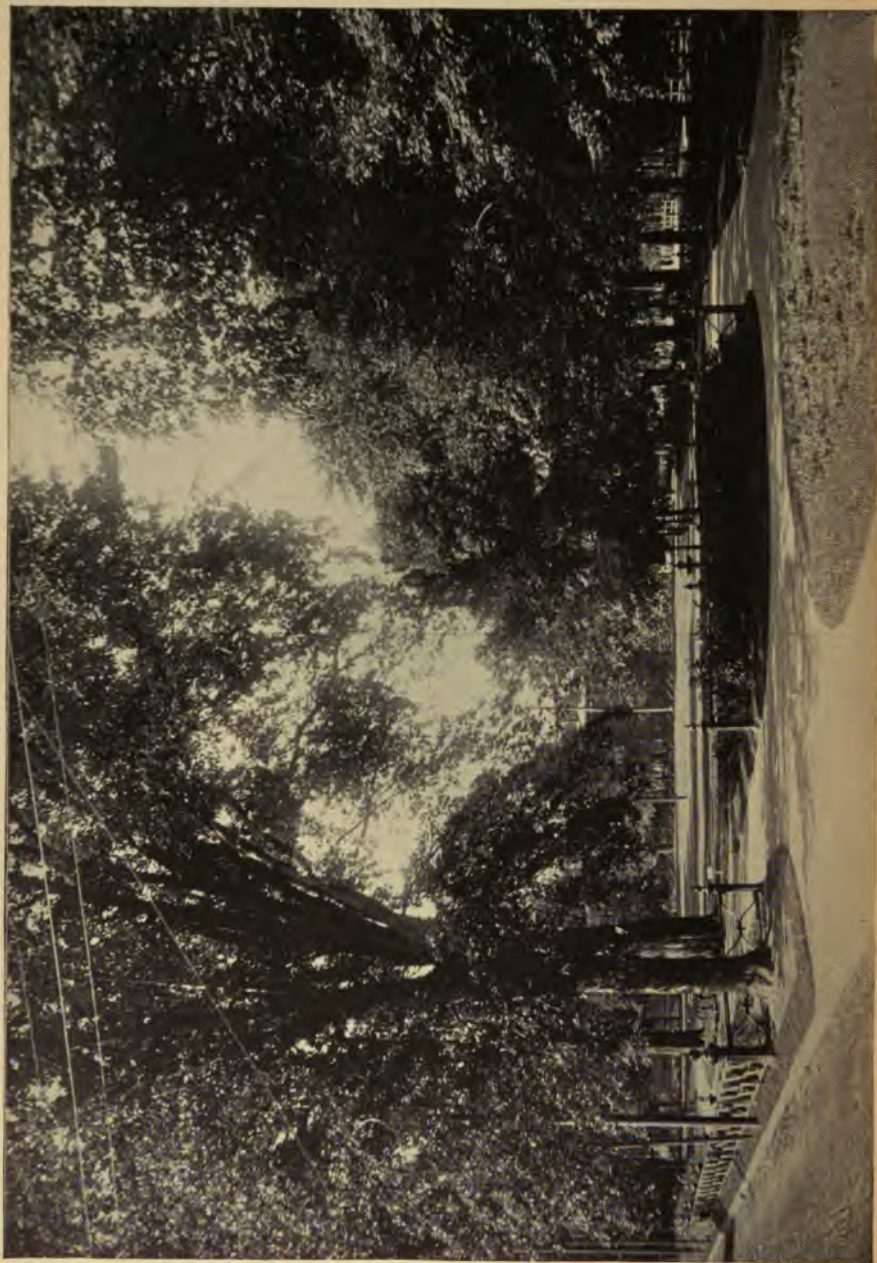
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SOUTH GREEN. (*Looking South.*)

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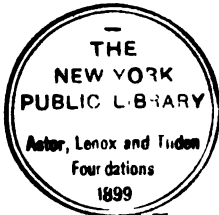
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PARK COMMISSIONERS.

1897-1898.

HON. MILES B. PRESTON (AS MAYOR), *ex officio*.

CHARLES E. GROSS,

Until May 1, 1903.

WM. DELOSS LOVE,

Until April 16, 1899.

GURDON W. RUSSELL,

Until April 30, 1907.

FRANCIS GOODWIN,

Until May 1, 1900.

WILLIS I. TWITCHELL,

Until May 1, 1901.

LUCIUS F. ROBINSON,

Until May 1, 1902.

GEORGE H. DAY,

Until May 1, 1904.

PATRICK GARVAN,

Until May 1, 1905.

GEORGE A. FAIRFIELD,

Until April 17, 1898.

To fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Commissioner E. P. Parker, D.D.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER,

Until May 11, 1906.

To fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Commissioner James F. Dudley.

★ BENJAMIN ADAMS ESQ.

COMMITTEES

Until May 1, 1897.

On Care of Existing Parks,

LOVE, RUSSELL, TWITCHELL, AND FAIRFIELD.

On Improvement and Extension of Parks,

GOODWIN, DAY, ROBINSON, GARVAN, AND GROSS.

On Finance,

DAY, LOVE, GOODWIN, AND

On Employment,

GARVAN, TWITCHELL, AND FAIRFIELD.

On Audit,

ROBINSON AND GARVAN.

OFFICERS

Until May 1, 1897.

President, CHARLES E. GROSS.

Vice-President, WILLIAM DELOSS LOVE, JR.

Secretary, SHERMAN W. ADAMS.

Business Agent, FRANKLIN G. WHITMORE.

Superintendent, THEODORE WIRTH.

Consulting Landscape Architects, F. L. & J. C. OLMSTED.

Civil Engineers, (whom and when required.)

[For Officers, Committees, etc., elected in May, 1897, see Appendix.]

FORMER PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The following is a nearly correct list of the actual terms of service of each of the Park Commissioners. But as there were some resignations, and deaths in office, and some appointments for filling unexpired or short terms, it is difficult to determine, precisely, the periods actually served by each.

- *William L. Collins, 1860 to 1865 ; *President*.
George Beach, 1860 to 1864 ; 1866 to 1869 ; *President*.
James L. Howard, 1860 to 1863 ; 1865 to 1867 ; *President*.
Gurdon W. Russell, 1860 to 1862 ; 1880 and still in office.
- *Charles F. Pond, 1860-1861.
- *Gustavus F. Davis, 1860-1861.
- *H. Tudor Brownell, 1861 to 1865.
- *Charles H. Northam, 1862.
- *Edward H. Brinley, 1863 to 1864.
- *James C. Jackson, 1863 to 1868.
- *Thomas Belknap, 1864 to 1868.
- *George S. Lincoln, 1865 to 1870.
Samuel V. Woodruff, 1866 to 1871.
- *Alpheus F. Snow, 1867 to 1871.
- *Normand Smith, 1869 to 1873.
- *Frederick S. Brown, 1870 to 1881 ; *President*.
- *Edward H. Fenn, 1872 to 1881.
Leverett Brainard, 1872 to 1876.
Charles Dudley Warner, 1873 to 1883 ; 1897 to —
Abraham Hollander, 1874 to 1879.
- *Stiles D. Sperry, 1877 to 1882.
- *Richard D. Hubbard, 1879 to 1883.
- *Samuel R. McNary, 1880 to 1883 ; *President*.
Francis Goodwin, 1880 to the present time ; *President*.
Frank L. Howard, 1883 to 1888.
Sherman W. Adams, 1884 to 1896 ; *President*.
John H. Brocklesby, 1884 to 1889.
- *Joseph Hall, 1889 to 1894.
Edwin P. Parker, 1893 to 1896.
William DeLoss Love, Jr., 1894 to the present time.
Leverett Brainard, *ex officio*, 1895 to 1896.
Charles E. Gross, 1895, still in office ; *President*.
Willis I. Twitchell, 1895, " "
Lucius F. Robinson, 1895, " "
George H. Day, 1895, " "
Patrick Garvan, 1895, " "
Miles B. Preston, 1896, *ex officio*, still in office.
- *James F. Dudley, 1896 to 1897.
George A. Fairfield, 1896 to —

*Deceased.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,
CITY OF HARTFORD,

May 1, 1897.

To the Honorable Court of Common Council :

We respectfully present herewith the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of this department ; being for the twelve months ending April 7, 1897.

For details of receipts and expenditures of moneys, the condition of the permanent funds, schedules of lands acquired, etc., we refer you to the Secretary's statement of accounts, and other matters in the Appendix hereto.

Since our last report some changes have occurred in the membership of this Board. On May 4, 1896 (the term of office of Commissioner Adams having expired, and he declining re-election), James F. Dudley, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy caused thereby. He accepted and entered upon the duties of his new and untried office with intelligence and zeal ; but, unfortunately, was suddenly and untimely cut off by death. With reference to this sad event, the following minute was passed, in a meeting of this Board, March 22, 1897, and ordered entered upon its record:

"It is with great sorrow that we enter upon the Records the death of Mr. James F. Dudley, which occurred suddenly, at New Orleans, on Friday last, the 19th instant.

"Mr. Dudley was chosen a Park Commissioner in May, 1896. He had therefore held office but a short term ; yet he early proved the wisdom of his selection by those qualities which have especially adapted him to the duties of his position. He was an educated, high-minded, studious, and conscientious man, who recognized the responsibilities of his office, and endeavored to discharge them, not only to the best of his ability at the time, but also through study and intelligent discussion. He was a man of exceeding good judgment and careful and conservative in his methods of business. As a lover of nature and outdoor life, he took great interest in the development of our new park system.

"By his death, we have lost an esteemed associate, and the City of Hartford a very valuable official."

On the 22d of June, 1896, Mr. George A. Fairfield was chosen a commissioner, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. E. P. Parker, D.D., from that office. Dr. Parker had been a highly-valued member of the Board, and his resignation had been accepted with much regret.

The term of office of Commissioner Gurdon W. Russell, M.D., having ended, he was re-elected, for the term of ten years, in April, 1897. He was originally chosen in 1860, and had been almost continuously in office as such ever since.

[Since the date of this report, but in time to be included here, the vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner Dudley has been filled by the election of Charles Dudley Warner, Esq., who was, May 10, 1897, elected to the same place.]

Since our last report, we have established the office of Business Agent; whose duty it is to attend to the purchasing of lands, supplies, etc., and look after the Park property in general. Mr. Franklin G. Whitmore was appointed, and is the very competent person who has occupied this position.

By the death of Charles L. Eliot (of the firm of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, landscape architects), we, and our citizens as well, have suffered a serious loss in the matter of Park treatment and effects. Mr. Eliot had been most active in the study of our grounds, and in the preparation of designs for their development. Though not a resident of this state he had been sufficiently with us to enable us to appreciate and esteem him.

BUSHNELL PARK.

In this report, no account is taken of the "Capitol Grounds"—commonly so called—the care of which (south of the driveway next north of the Capitol) is assumed by the state.

The present area of this Park (extending westerly from Wells street to Park River, and northerly, from said driveway, to Asylum street) is between 41 and 42 acres. Within it, as appears from the report of the Superintendent, the following operations (as condensed from said report) have been performed:

1. The shrubbery, which has hitherto formed a group in front of the Terrace, has been removed; and in its place trees of ailantus and catalpa and shrubs of paulownia and sumach (cut-leaved) have been set. Some young coniferous trees have been (temporarily) set in the stone-rimmed basin in its front.

2. Groups of purple-leaved plum (Pissard's), eleagnus and philadelphus, have been added to those by the Memorial Arch.

3. The three bridges crossing Park River, opposite to Asylum, Mulberry, and Trumbull streets respectively, have been painted.

4. The following walks have been laid in asphalt : one connecting Mulberry street bridge with a walk adjoining the north side of Elm street. This is parallel with Park River, and is 9 feet wide and 420 feet long.

Another extends from the Park entrance, opposite to the First Regiment Armory to the West street entrance, 7 feet wide and 260 feet long ; another from a point 100 feet west of the last named entrance, northwesterly to the pond, 9 feet wide and 500 feet long.

Some short pieces of intersecting walks, on the south side of the Pond.

A small square, at the southwest entrance, at the intersection of Trinity and Elm streets. Also, the walks leading to both sides of the House of Comfort. These are 4 feet wide, and aggregate 270 feet in length.

These walks were laid by E. W. Clarke & Son, at the price of \$2.07 per square yard. New catch-basins and drain-tiles were laid in connection therewith.

Considerable work of a substantial nature should be done here in the near future. The driveway from the bridge to Capitol Hill should be changed from a dirt road to one of asphalt, or of macadam. Some of the retaining-walls by the river, between the Ford street bridge and that opposite to Union Place, were insufficiently and inexpensively built, and should be relaid in a more substantial manner ; and other walls are needed, where none now exist. Such are needed along Jewell street, and along Wells street, on both sides of the river, below Mulberry street.

Perhaps the Terrace (so called) should be remodeled, and made to harmonize with its environment. The form and position of the "work of art," to be constructed from the fund accruing from the estate of late Fred. K. Fox, Esq., remain to be decided. This fund, as we are advised, amounts to \$9,500.

The question of the proposed widening of Ford street, by taking land therefor from Bushnell Park, is not yet determined. Land is also asked for from the north side of the Park, in order to widen Asylum street. Twice already has this border been curtailed, in order to contribute to this object. And land adjoining Ford street was given to the highway by this Board a few years ago, to form the sidewalk then established by us at that point. It was in order to make good the area given up by us that we re-

claimed about an equal amount from the river, and built retaining walls opposite to both those streets.

Of the trees within this area, some have suffered much from the ravage done by insect pests; notably, the elms and maples. Of the former, the worse sufferers have been the English and Scotch species; but the white, or American elm (*Ulmus Americana*), has been also an object of their assaults. The attacking pest has been the elm-leaf beetle (*Galeruca xanthomelaena*), in the larval form. These have been destroyed by spraying with a solution of Paris-green. For this purpose, 2 lbs. of Paris-green and 4 quarts of lime were mingled with 300 gallons of water, or in that proportion. The spraying was done by the Farmington Forestry Club, with appliances provided by that organization. The average cost for spraying per tree was \$1.20. We now have similar appliances.

The maples attacked have been the rock (or sugar) maple. A woolly aphid, or white and woolly (or cottony) plant-louse appeared first upon the trunks, traveling thence to the under surfaces of the leaves, causing the latter to prematurely fall. The bark of the trunks was treated to a solution of whale-oil soap, which was the best that could be done so far as we knew, and was partially successful. Some of the trees have died, but whether from the effect of this insect invasion or from the nature of the soil—for they stand in heavy and damp clay, and some of the roots have been too deeply covered by changes in grading—we cannot say. The Norway maple has suffered to a less extent from the same cause; but mainly from “honey-dew.”

Young coniferous trees have likewise suffered from another cottony aphid.

Considerable dead wood has been removed from trees by pruning.

The Pond, with its lotuses and water-lilies in the basin, and its wild flowers and shrubs on its margin, has been a constant source of attraction. It very much needs a new fence set nearer to the walks. As heretofore, this reservoir has served the double purpose of a small waterscape and aquatic-garden, and that of a skating-ground for those who chose to use it as such.

In the clearing of snow from the walks of this and other parks, the horse and snow-plow have been substituted for hand shoveling. This has enabled us to keep our three miles, or thereabouts, of these thoroughfares in good order.

All the Park settees, 100 in all, have been overhauled, repaired, and painted, and platforms have been attached to about half of them.



POPE PARK—PARK STREET OLD BRIDGE.

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The tool-house has been partly rearranged and a small wagon-shed has been added to its rear.

POPE PARK.

In order to fulfil the terms of the acceptance of the area usually called Pope Park (but not officially named) several small tracts of land adjoining the southern limit of the land given by Col. Pope have been purchased, and all the land needed in this area for park purposes has been acquired. It amounts to about 90 acres.

This Park is in two sections, the larger of which is on the south side of Park Street, and extending southerly, in part, to Hamilton Street, while the smaller section is on the north side of Park Street and extends northerly to Capitol Avenue. By the terms of Col. Pope's deed of gift, as accepted by the City, the latter agreed to "grade and work" the following "highways" by the 30th day of January, 1896: one bordering said south section on its eastern, southern, and western sides, and one on its northern section, extending from Park Street to Capitol Avenue. Neither of these highways has been constructed, although it is understood that the Street Commissioners have reached the point where they are about ready to *begin work* in constructing them. It is needless to say that the treatment of the fundamental features of this Park depends upon the pre-existence of these highways, and that, until they are completed, the principal work of this Board is necessarily delayed.

Nevertheless, we have removed the dilapidated buildings, repaired the dwelling-house now occupied by the Superintendent, done much trimming of trees, etc., started a nursery of trees and shrubs for the general use of the parks, a temporary greenhouse, and demonstrated the possibility of establishing a lakelet adjoining Park Street, from the watershed and living springs of Pope Park.

The old ice-house has been modified; and this, and other old buildings, serve the purpose of stabling, store-rooms, wagon-sheds, etc.

The lakelet was formed by stopping the culvert under Park Street, where the water of a considerable watershed and the supply from several springs had theretofore been allowed to flow uninterruptedly into the Park River. So large a supply of water accumulated in the temporary basin that it became necessary to keep the outlet gate of the reservoir partly open.

Some little grading and cleaning of grounds along Park

Terrace, so called, along the river between the Orphan Asylum and Capitol Avenue has been done; but operations there have been necessarily limited, owing to the non-completion of the new highway between said avenue and Park Street, and the same condition as to the intercepting sewer.

Designs have been prepared, and are now in our hands, for a "concourse, arbor," etc., south of the Superintendent's house; also, for tennis courts on the west side of Putnam Street, a boat-float and other appurtenances at the river's side, and "paths through the woods," between Capitol Avenue and Park Street. The execution of these will depend largely upon the grades as they shall be established; and these, in turn, will depend upon the grade of the proposed highway.

A nursery for trees, shrubbery, and plants was established south of the Superintendent's house, and amply supplied with perennial stock for future use. Among these were some choice coniferous trees. More than 8,000 soft-wood cuttings of various shrubs were set and became rooted. Seedling trees were obtained in the woods of this vicinity, and seeds from many of the trees and shrubs in Bushnell Park were planted or sown there. Much of the seed, too, has been cleaned and stratified. A temporary cold-house and propagating-house were also constructed and put to their intended use. Much grafting has been done. The Superintendent reports that 60,000 hard-wood cuttings, from 40 different species, were made during the past winter, and he estimates that more than 100,000 will accrue from this nursery, from seeds, cuttings, divisions, and graftings, in the course of its second year.

A great quantity of compost has been brought together on this park, to the heaps and piles of which, manure, turf, wood ashes, leaves, etc., have contributed.

A recent change of plans, resulting in the removal of this nursery to the Pond estate, has, of course, somewhat retarded the increase in its growth.

RIVERSIDE PARK.

With the acquisition of the Ely tract (about 10½ acres) in April, this year, the land secured for this Park amounts to about 68 acres, leaving no other lands to be acquired excepting those belonging to the two railroad companies, the Water Commissioners, and the Bridge Commissioners. As to these, it is understood that we can arrange for the use of the grounds for park purposes. Designs have been prepared and are in our hands for

choice as to certain alternative features; which, when determined, will enable us to proceed to the execution of the designs selected. These include a slight change in the line of Water Street, the construction of a riverside walk, raising some of the low grades, new approaches to the Park, play-grounds, a 'cycle course, ball-ground, boat-house, shelter, etc. But no attempt at expensive, intricate, or highly ornate treatment of these will be attempted, or is desirable here. Excepting by skaters, these grounds will be resorted to only in the late spring, summer, and early autumn seasons, and will never become a show ground — in the sense that Bushnell Park is such — nor call for elaborate treatment. It will be subject to rougher use than parks in general. Indeed, it is already, in part, so used; and is quite satisfactory as a ball-ground.

On the 8th of March, 1897, this area was by vote of this Board formally named "Riverside Park."

Operations on these grounds have been limited to preliminary work. The old ice-house of the Hartford Ice Company has been demolished and removed. The dumping of garbage, etc., has been stopped, and some cleaning and grading of ground has been done at this point. Six old houses were sold and removed, thus abating a considerable nuisance. Only one — the best one — remains, and it is occupied by the park-keeper, who took possession of it May 14, 1896. Many dead trees and much dead wood and brush have been cleared away, and weeds have been mowed down and burned.

We are hopeful that plans now under advisement will result in the conversion of the "Creek," with its area of about 5 acres, into a lagoon, with a bayou, connecting at its south end with Connecticut River; thus forming a beautiful and picturesque feature, and affording fine opportunities for aquatic plants, and space for boat-sailing and rowing there.

THE SOUTH PARK.

This Park (which has no official name) is the southernmost one of the series contemplated for this City. It is bounded (speaking generally) on the south by the City line; but, if our present plan be carried out, on Jordan Lane, in Wethersfield. On the west, by Maple Avenue, and partly, perhaps, by private lands; north by South Street; easterly by a line across the lots adjoining the west side of Franklin Avenue, and parallel thereto. As ultimately defined and limited, its extent will be not far from 200 acres (of which 93¾ acres have been already secured, by direct purchase);

and negotiations are progressing for the residue. This is exclusive of the proposed parkways; one connecting it, easterly, with Wethersfield Avenue; the other northwesterly, with New Britain Avenue. As to these, the lines have not been accurately determined.

Our operations upon these grounds have not materially affected the *status quo* of 1895, the year in which they were selected. We have repaired (or removed) pasture fences; and cut and sold some grass. Some work will soon be required in the way of drainage, the removal of dead wood, under-brush, etc.

In our last annual report, were presented several half-tone illustrations of some of the natural features of these grounds. These make apparent, better than mere descriptive work can do, the possible landscape treatment of this area, in order to produce an effect which shall be at the same time picturesque and restful. The areas of primitive forest, winding (though small) watercourses, swale and meadow form a combination (not often existing in areas of equal extent, and at no greater distance from a densely populated center)—which is not often afforded. In the language of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot (whose advice we have sought in all these matters), this area was chosen: 1. "Because of the fine view across the broad valley of the [Connecticut] river which can here be had; 2. Because the woods about the foot of the slope are so disposed as to form, for the broader panorama, a remarkably effective middle distance; 3. Because these same woods will well serve as screens to shut out the view of the growing suburbs from the lower and more usable parts of the ground; 4. Because these more usable parts are beautiful in themselves, and need only drainage to make them available at once; 5. Because the tract described is directly approachable by several principal streets, namely: Fairfield Avenue, Broad Street, Maple Avenue, and, perhaps, Franklin Avenue. . . . The area of the tract above described will be between 150 and 200 acres, we believe. An eastern outlet to Franklin Avenue and the Wethersfield roads can be obtained, if it is desired, by purchasing whatever connecting strip of land can be obtained on the most favorable terms."

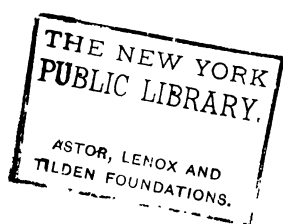
Of course, until the lands desired shall have been obtained, no progress in procuring designs for grading lines of driveways and walks, and other landscape development, will be entered upon.

POND TRACTS.

The land devised by Mr. Charles M. Pond to the City consists of two tracts:



POPE PARK — PARK RIVER AND GROVE.
(Looking South from Capitol Ave. Bridge.)



The first lies upon the east side of Prospect Avenue in Hartford, and has an area of about 16 acres, and a frontage on Prospect Avenue of about 900 feet.

The other lies in the town of West Hartford, directly opposite the first, and has an area of about 90 acres, a frontage on Prospect Avenue of about 800 feet, and extends west to Quaker Lane.

The provisions of Mr. Pond's will relating to this land are as follows:

"I give to the City of Hartford, this gift to take effect one (1) year after my death, and on its acceptance by the Court of Common Council of said city, all the land connected with my residence, including all the land upon the east side of Prospect Avenue. The same is bounded: east part, north by Asylum Avenue, east by estate of Solomon Porter, south by Herbert C. Bingham, and west by Prospect Avenue. The west part is bounded — north by Asylum Avenue continued, west by Quaker Lane, so called, then south by Gaines, then west by Gaines and by Joel L. English, then south by George B. Foster, then east by land of Burdette Loomis and by Samuel H. Allen, then south by land of Samuel H. Allen, then east by Prospect Avenue to Asylum Avenue, and containing in all about ninety (90) acres, and with all the buildings thereon and rights, easements, and appurtenances connected with said land or any of it, the same with such additions to it as are hereinafter provided for or as otherwise may be hereafter made in behalf of the City, to be forever held and used as a public park, or for such other lawful public purpose of health, culture, or improvement as may be determined upon by the City through its Court of Common Council. In such determination I desire that the City will consult with my friends, Henry C. Robinson, Francis Goodwin, Charles M. Joslyn, Thomas O. Enders, and Charles F. Hildreth, some of whom are quite familiar with my purposes in this gift. No restriction upon the removal or other disposition of buildings is designed. My wish, which however I do not enforce upon this gift, is, that this land may be associated with the name Elizabeth, in memory of my beloved wife.

"All the rest and residue of my estate I give unto the Hartford Trust Company, in trust as follows: one-half thereof to be paid over to the City of Hartford, to be used in connection with the City in putting the land hereinbefore given to the City in good and seemly condition to accomplish the object of the gift, as by laying out streets and walks; grading, draining, and landscape gardening, and to purchase additional land, to be added to the tract hereinbefore given to the City and for the same purposes, this gift to the City to take effect at the same time as I have attached to the specific gift of land hereinbefore made to said City."

Mr. Charles M. Pond died August 30, 1894, and his will was duly probated.

From its probate an appeal was taken by Anson P. Pond of New York city. The appeal was tried in the Superior Court, in February, 1895. The jury brought in a verdict setting aside the will. But subsequently the court set aside the verdict as manifestly against the weight of evidence. Before a further trial was reached, the appeal from the probate of the will was withdrawn, to wit, on the 30th day of December, 1896; the trustee under the will having paid to Anson P. Pond upon the order of the City the sum of \$58,367.

On January 28, 1895, the City by vote of the Court of Common Council formally accepted the gift, and on the 19th day of April, 1897, the Court of Common Council passed the following vote:—

"Resolved, That the property devised to the City of Hartford, by the will of the late Charles M. Pond, be designated, held, and used as a Public Park."

This vote has placed the care and management of this property in this Board, which will assume the responsibility in behalf of the City, with the purpose of properly carrying out the wishes of Mr. Pond and the Court of Common Council. No formal delivery of the land has yet, May 1, 1897, been made; but already the stock of trees and shrubs heretofore in the nursery at Pope Park have been transferred to this park.

The executors of Mr. Pond's will expect to deliver formal possession of the land on or about the 1st of July, 1897, and within a short time thereafter to pay over the residue of the estate to the Trustee, the Hartford Trust Company, which will immediately pay over to the City its share, as directed in the will. It is estimated by the executors that the value of the City's share in the residue to be paid is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

This Board is having prepared a topographical survey of the land and also general plans for its development as a park.

The gift of Mr. Pond to the City adds a magnificent tract to the park system, and is evidence alike of his interest in the City's improvement and of his judgment as to the value and usefulness of this land to the City for park purposes.

SOUTH GREEN.

Designs from Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot were received early in the season, 1896, for the general improvement of South Green and were at once carried into execution.

Its area is about $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres, enclosed by a fence of cast-iron. By the design in question, this fence (which is substantial and

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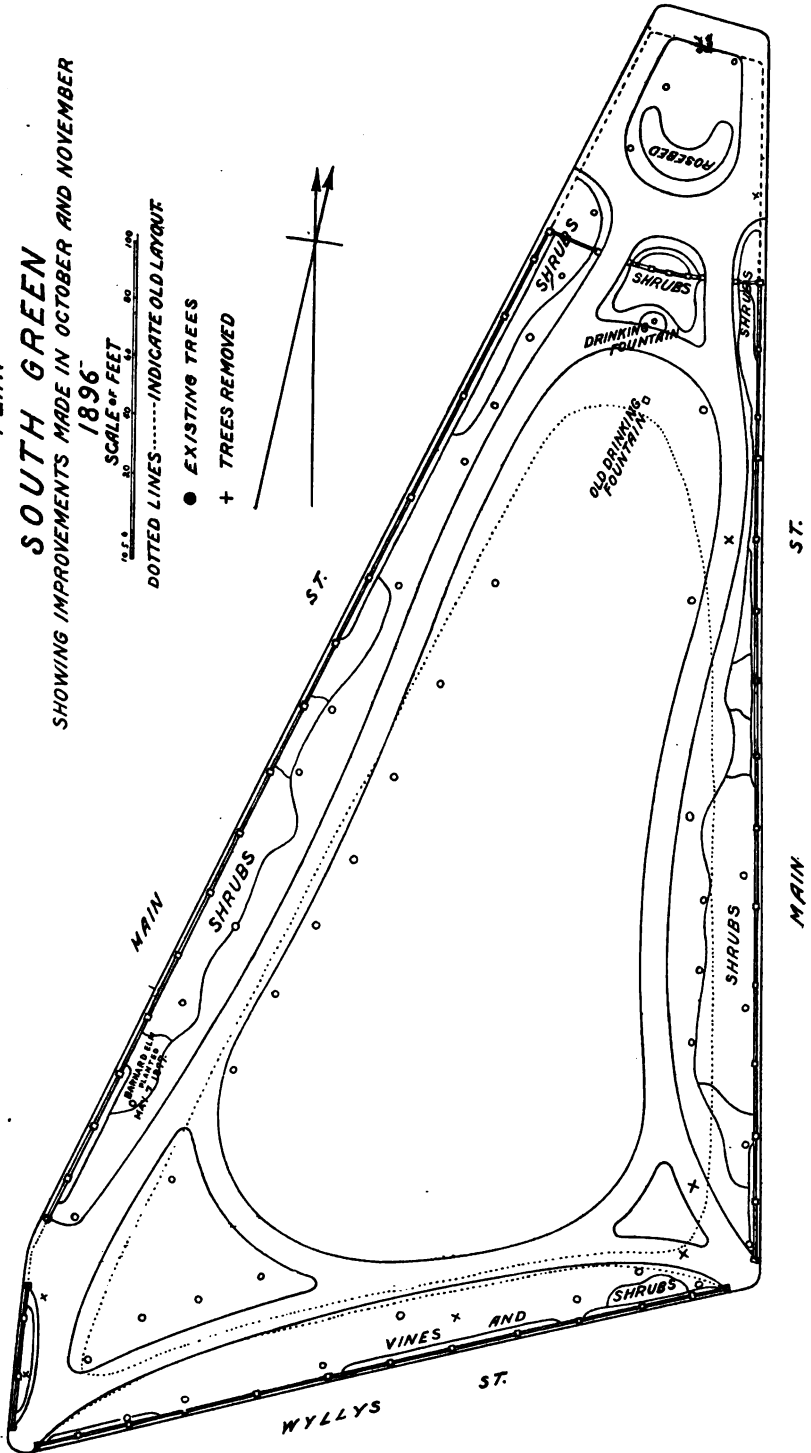
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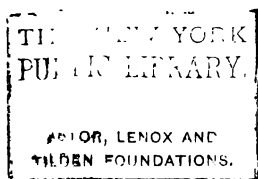
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ornamental) has been somewhat changed in position ; mainly at the north end of the Green, where it has been moved southerly 75 feet, sufficiently to leave a broad entrance-way forming a sort of concourse. The walks within the grounds, which were all of gravel, have been relaid, on new and graceful lines, and to some extent to new grades. A few trees had to be destroyed in order to give space to new walks, or because they were too close together, or in too poor condition to be preserved. On the other hand, a few (small ones) were added, and many shrubs. The drinking fountain was relocated further south.

The new walks are of Trinidad asphalt, and were laid by the Southern New England Paving Co., of Hartford, at the price of \$2.00 per square yard.

THE SMALLER PARKS.

Sigourney Square. This has been but one season under the care of this Board. We have replaced some of the shrubbery which had suffered in its first year after transplantation. The lawn surface has much improved under cultivation. The hybrid roses (set in places of the rhododendrons which had failed to live) were a donation from Mr. W. E. Wallace, a nurseryman of this city.

Village Street Triangle. This has been much improved by the complete repair of the old cast-iron fence inclosing it. At its southern point, the fence has been removed for about 25 feet in length, making a better approach there. For the first time, shrubbery of various species (mostly indigenous, and taken from the woods of this vicinity) have been set here. The walks (which are in gravel) have been repaired, and a turf border laid.

Tunnel Park. Operations here have been limited to turfing, grading, seeding, and tree-pruning. More than this could not be reasonably expected to be done by us upon an area which we hold only at the sufferance of the two railway corporations which own it.

Lafayette Street Park. We have no material change to report here. Some question has been made as to the expediency of a different arrangement of the line of walks crossing this triangle, and the matter is still undecided.

Buckingham Square. With the exception of readjusting and painting the fence around it we have had no occasion to do more than routine care at this place. A seedling of a Sycamore maple (*Acer pseudo-platanus*), germinating from a seed of a tree in Bush-

nell Park, in the season of 1892, was transplanted with a trowel to this enclosure in that year, and is now a rapidly-growing tree of 10 to 12 feet in height.

At the junction of Maple and Retreat Avenue, and at that of Maple and Franklin Avenue, where is a small triangle in each case, we have nothing new to report.

Keney Park. This, the greatest of all our (prospective) parks, is to be the outcome of the munificence of the late Henry Keney, Esq., who died Nov. 15, 1894. By the terms of his will, the great fund bequeathed by him, to be expended in establishing and maintaining a public park, was placed in the hands of trustees, until such time as the grounds were in a condition to be turned over to the city for park use. We understand that nearly all the required area has been secured, and that considerable progress has been made in the establishment of driveways, etc. At present, as the grounds are not in charge of this department, it is not a part of our duty to include a statement of the operations thereon, but we doubt not that the efficient trustees having charge of the same (one of whom is a member of this Board) are wisely conducting those operations.

PARKWAYS.

Connecting ways, known as "parkways" (and existing highways, where they can wisely be used) are proposed to connect park with park, in the whole outlying series of these new pleasure-grounds. Of course, the parks must first be established, and, in a general way, defined and improved for use, before there will arise occasion to use these parkways. Naturally (to begin at the south end of the chain of parks), there should be one to connect Wethersfield Avenue with the south (unnamed) park. Next, a way to connect that park with public grounds on the rocky hill summit near Trinity College. Thence, a way connecting with Pope Park. From the latter, a way should be opened, northwesterly, to the Pond tract or its vicinity. From the latter section, a way should be made to connect with the Keney Park, which will itself extend from Albany Avenue to Windsor Road. Thus, it will be seen that the system is quite far reaching and that time and labor may be needed for several years before these ways shall have become complete. Possibly, the two ends of the series of parkways may ultimately be at the right bank of the "Great River" on the north and south sides of the City, respectively.

We have received from Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot a plan for one of the most important sections in this long chain of parkways: to wit, that extending from Park Street (at a point a few rods west of the bridge across Pipers' River), northwesterly along the west (or right) bank of Woods River to a point about 1,000 feet north of Farmington River.

No parkways (but "approaches" only) are contemplated in connection with Riverside Park; nor with the section of Pope Park between Park Street and Capitol Avenue. As to the latter area, the approaches will be made to connect with the new highway about to be built through it, from Park Street to Capitol Avenue.

IN GENERAL.

Surveys. For the first time in the history of this department, accurate surveys and plans of each of the park areas under its management have been prepared, and are on file in this office. A list of these areas is appended to this report, and it shows that they aggregate about 430 acres, including the Pond tracts; but not including the Keney tract, which is the largest of them all. The computations of areas (excepting for Pope Park) were made by Luther W. Burt, C. E. As to the latter, the extent is given by Wolcott & Darby, Civil Engineers, who prepared the surveys for that tract, including the portion between Park Street and Capitol Avenue.

Other particulars given in said list were compiled by the secretary.

A detailed topographical survey of the Pond tracts is now in progress.

It is obvious that, until we shall have obtained the lands required in order to complete our park system, as planned (and now, happily, almost done), the execution of proposed fundamental improvements, surveys, designs, etc., our annual expenses will necessarily be greater than thereafter. Besides, this Board has paid to the trustees of the "Watkinson Juvenile Asylum and Farm-School" the sum of \$10,000; and to the Hartford Orphan Asylum the further sum of \$5,000. This amount of \$15,000 was paid by us under protest, in order to prevent the forfeiture of a principal condition of the gift of the Pope tract. These sums the City of Hartford had bound *itself* to pay, before this Board and its present park system were organized; and it is (as we believe) legally incumbent upon the City to reimburse the same to this Board.

Sources of Income. These are the same in kind as last year, to wit: first, the bonds (150 in number) sold in 1895; second, the avails of the half-mill tax raised upon the grand lists of 1895 and 1896; third, the small sums accruing from time to time from the sales of grass, old buildings demolished, old tools, old iron, etc. They will sufficiently appear in the financial statements appended to this report.

Police. Under our charter, the management and control of the guardians of our public grounds, including the parks, is under the Police Department; and we have not the power to fix the number and stations of such as are assigned for patrolling our parks. At present, as we are advised, one patrolman is kept on duty in Bushnell Park, exclusively. This is some improvement upon the arrangement of last year, and previously, when one official was required to do all the patrolling that was done there, and to include in his "beat" quite a number of streets in the vicinity of the Park. Consequently, it was left wholly unguarded much of the time; and we were compelled to supplement the police vigilance by additional help from our own employes, specially detailed for that purpose. We still employ one man on watch, in the vicinity of the House of Comfort. Notwithstanding all precautions, there is still some thievery (mostly of flowering plants) in the night season.

THE INTERCEPTING SEWER.

This prominent and important work is not completed. Its course extends through the entire length of Bushnell Park, and through that section of Pope Park which lies south of Park Street. It is being constructed according to plans approved by the City, and under the direction of the Street Board and the City Surveyor. This Board has no power to direct at all as to its position and connections. It is already apparent that its construction will occasion much labor and expense to this department, in making the needed repairs to lawns, trees, and shrubs, walls, fences, etc., after the sewer shall have been completed. Probably, the latter will not be accomplished before midsummer.

In the matters appended hereto, will be found such other information of a general nature as would otherwise be included in this report.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners.

CHARLES E. GROSS, *President.*

SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary.*



POPE PARK — BEND OF PARK RIVER TOWARDS HAMILTON STREET.
(*Looking South.*)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Date.	From whom Received.	What Source.	Amounts.
1896			
May 1	.....	On hand from last year. . .	\$751.76
5	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 20.	\$2,471.60
	City Treasurer....	Bond Fund, warrant No. 20.	595.00
6	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Rent, Pope Park.....	5.00
11	F. W. Shackley....	Rent, Pope Park.....	7.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Sale of old iron, toolhouse..	3.92
13	F. W. Shackley....	Rent, Pope Park.....	16.66
18	U. Mattison	Rent, Pope Park.....	6.00
22	City Treas. (by E. W. Clarke & Sons)	Tax Fund, warrant No. 21..	500.00
25	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rent, Pope Park.....	5.00— 3,610.18
June 1	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 22.	3,636.89
6	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 24.	313.96
18	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 25.	500.00
26	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 28.	538.24
29	City Treasurer. . .	Tax Fund, warrant No. 29.	2,562.23
17	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rentals, Pope Park.....	46.25— 7,597.57
July 1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rentals, Pope Park... ..	26.00
	M. Doyle et al.....	.....	.....
6	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 32.	3,076.58
	City Treasurer....	Bond, warrant No. 33.....	671.84
29	City Treasurer....	Bond, warrant No. 30.....	443.60— 4,218.02
Aug. 17	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	23.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	8.00
	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 35.	1,312.40— 1,343.40
Sept. 8	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 36b.	1,886.02
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	24.00
18	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	18.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Old bldgs., Riverside Park..	45.00
24	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Old bldgs., Riverside Park..	20.00— 1,993.02
Oct. 19	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 37..	2,131.47
	City Treasurer....	Bond Fund, warrant No. 38.	75.00
21	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	23.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	8.00
	Hfd. Wire Works...	Over-payment refunded....	.50
22	O. T. Mather	Pasture rent, Riverside Park	100.00
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co	Refunded, to correct error..	2.55— 2,340.52
Nov. 10	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 39..	2,401.35
13	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	17.00— 2,418.35
Dec. 2	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	8.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	5.00
8	City Treasurer....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 40..	5,584.21
14	Theo. Wirth.....	Rents collected, Pope Park.	18.00
24	Theo Wirth.....	Rents col., Riverside Park..	8.00— 5,623.21

Receipts — Continued.

Date.	From whom Received.	What Source.	Amounts.
1897			
Jan. 7	Theo. Wirth	Rents collected, Pope Park.	\$23.00
	Theo. Wirth.....	Potatoes sold, Pope Park...	24.00
	City Collector.....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 43..	1,307.35—\$1,354.35
Feb. 1	City Collector.....	Tax Fund, warrant No. 44..	1,692.63
5	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	23.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	8.00
9	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col., Riverside Park..	8.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	General expenses... ..	.10— 1,731.73
Mch. 2	John R. Beaumont.	For grass, South Park.....	15.00
	City Treasurer. . .	Tax Fund, warrant No. 47..	878.53
4	Wm. Francis... ..	Old house, Pope Park.....	150.00
5	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents collected, Pope Park.	23.00— 1,066.53
Apr. 6	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rentals from Pope Park....	23.00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rentals from Riverside Park	8.00
	City Treasurer.....	Tax Fund. warrant No. 49..	1,075.51
	City Treasurer.....	Bond Fund, warrant No. 50..	639.05
24	Theo. Wirth and F. G. Whitmore.....	Telephone Rebate.....	2.75— 1,748.31
Total received			\$35,796.95

Expenditures.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
1896				
May 4	Park payroll No. 1.....	1	Labor.....	\$515.08
5	Theo. Wirth.....	2	April salary.	125.00
	J. D. Lapaugh.....	3	Joinery, t'l-house	35.59
	Hartford Telegram Co..	4	Adv'g rules, etc.	16.50
11	Park payroll No. 2.....	5	Labor.....	441.79
	F. W. Shackley.....	6	Manure.....	64.00
	J. J. Poole & Co.....	7	Coal.....	31.50
	Water Commissioners...	8	Water bills.....	28.76
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	9	Office rent, April	37.50
	Theodore Wirth.....	10	Cash ex. for sun.	36.99
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co..	11	Oils, etc.....	3.92
	The C., L. & B. Co.....	12	Print'g bl'ks, etc.	43.50
	C. O. Baldwin.....	13	Rubber stamps..	.85
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	14	March lighting..	10.00
	S. K. Brown.....	15	Manure.....	4.25
	S. N. E. Telephone Co.	16	Use of telephone	14.40
	Albert A. Pope.....	17	Plans, etc., P. P'k	300.00
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	18	Paints, etc.....	15.20
	Cadwell & Jones.....	19	Grass seed, etc..	32.93
	Francis & Co.....	20	Hardware & tools	258.06
	Benjamin Chase.....	21	Tree labels, etc..	6.83
	Wolcott & Darby.....	22	Surv'g Pope P'k.	295.00
	H. Cowlshaw.....	23	Filing saws.....	.85
12	W. P. Wooley.....	24	Manure.....	40.00
	M. W. Sherman & Sons.	26	Loam ..	16.50
	Trinity College.....	27	Ground rent.....	65.88
	Sam. Collins & Co.....	28	Setting curb....	12.50
	Conant Rubber Co.....	29	Rubber boots...	4.00
	Smith, Bourn & Co....	30	Horse lawn boots	6.00
	Wm. Rogers Mfg. Co...	31	Watch'n's badges	16.25
	Andrews & Peck.....	32	Hotbed sashes...	35.00
	Hartford Lumber Co...	33	Planks.....	3.01
	Brown, Thomson & Co..	34	Cotton cloth.....	1.10
18	Park payroll No. 3.....	35	Labor	412.70
22	E. W. Clarke & Son			
	(warrant No. 21).....	..	Asphalt walks...	500.00
25	Park payroll No. 4.....	36	Labor	326.21—
June 1	Park payroll No. 5.....	37	Labor	311.72
3	E. Balf.....	39	Loam and sand..	192.65
	F. E. Fuller.....	40	Stenographing ..	10.00
	W. O'Brien.....	41	Cartage.....	2.00
	G. A. Hunn.....	42	Manure.....	5.00
	J. M. Thorburn & Co...	43	Seeds, etc.....	13.95
	Tho. Filon.....	44	Loam and cart'ge	35.00
	Shady Hill Nursery Co.	45	Trees, sh'bs, etc.	307.21
	Mrs. R. Bacharach.....	46	Manure.....	5.00
	Hiram Bissell.....	47	Water gate, etc..	134.87
	W. E. Wallace.....	48	Shrubs	47.25
	R. Douglas & Sons.....	49	Trees and shrubs	35.00
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co..	50	Sponges.....	.75
	E. J. Lamb.....	51	Manure.....	25.00
	Hartford Lumber Co ..	52	Lumber.....	21.06
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	53	Paint'g brgs., etc.	515.00
	M. W. Sherman.....	54	Loam.....	11.25

\$3,757.65

Expenditures — Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
June 3	F. G. Whitmore.....	55	Com. on l'ds pur.	\$345.00
	Andrews & Peck.....	56	Window .....	.72
	J. Vidbourne.....	57	Salary for May..	60.00
	Theo. Wirth.....	58	Salary for May..	125.00
	J. H. Saunders.....	59	Paint'g cart, etc.	10.00
	E. Taylor & Sons.....	60	Planks.....	2.35
	Cadwell & Jones.....	61	Seed potatoes ..	24.96
	Conant Rubber Co.....	62	Lawn hose.....	24.00
	Evening Post Ass'n...	63	Adv'g park rules	12.75
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	64	Month lighting..	10.00
	R. M. Deming.....	65	Loam.....	82.50
	Robert Garvie.....	66	Plumbing.....	66.76
	The C., L. & B. Co.....	67	Printing	2.00
	Hfd. Cement Tile Co...	68	Drain tiles, etc..	75.09
	Theo. Wirth.....	69	Cash pd., frt, etc.	28.37
6	James Ogilvy.....	70	Janitor's services	12.00
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	71	Rent of office....	37.50
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	72	Gas bill.....	1.51
9	Park payroll No. 6.....	73	Labor	347.89
13	Park payroll No. 7.....	74	Labor	285.93
	Water Commissioners ..	75	Water	138.00
	The C., L. & B. Co.....	76	Blank books, etc.	19.45
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	77	Month lighting..	10.00
	Wolcott & Darby.....	78	Surveying	80.00
	Hartford Lumber Co....	79	Lumber.....	1.75
	J. P. Murphy	80	Manure.....	13.75
17	E. W. Clarke & Son....	81	Asphalt walks...	500.00
21	Park payroll No. 8.....	82	Labor	385.07
26	E. W. Clarke & Son....	83	Asphalt walks...	538.24
27	Park payroll No. 9.....	84	Labor	401.81
29	L. W. Burt	85	Surv'g p'ks, etc..	1,834.02
	Farm'ton Forestry Club.	86	Spraying trees ..	121.81—
July 6	Park payroll No. 10....	87	Labor	\$7,170.94
8	J. D. Lapaugh.....	88	Joinery, Pope P'k	313.93
10	Geo. W. Fowler.....	89	.....	76.52
11	Park payroll No. 11....	90	Labor	285.17
	T. Wirth.....	91	Sal'y(+ exp.\$2.40)	127.40
	J. Vidbourne.....	92	Sal'y(+ exp.\$8.00)	68.00
	P. Garvan	93	.....	.....
	Water Commissioners..	94	.....	.....
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	95	Office rent.....	37.50
	Olmsted, Olms'd & Eliot	96	Park designs, etc.	663.29
15	James Mooney.....	97	Blacksmithing ..	47.20
17	Hartford Lumber Co....	98	Lumber.....	23.59
	M. Garrity	99	Manure.....	20.00
	E. C. Bishop & Co.....	100	Ladders	13.30
	F. T. Schirm.....	101	Blacksmithing ..	28.50
	Smith & McDonough...	102	Stat'n'ry for supt	19.15
	Peter Lux.....	103	Chairs, b'd conc't	8.25
	John Combs	104	Plants, Bush, P'k.	40.00
	E. Taylor & Sons.....	105	Lumber	2.95
	M. Hogan.....	106	Manure	68.25
	Blodgett & Clapp Co...	107	Iron	3.89
	Jacob W. Manning	108	Trees and shrubs	379.77
	J. H. & W. E. Cone....	109	Tools and h'dw're	70.46



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Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
July 17	F. C. Sturtevant.....	110	Fertilizers.....	\$20.00
	Henry F. Smith.....	111	Recording deeds	8.55
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	112	Month lighting..	10.00
	Smith, Bourn & Co	113	Horse lawn shoes	10.00
	Cadwell & Jones.....	114	Tools, grass seed	49.32
	Olds & Whipple	115	Seeds, fertilizers	81.95
	Y. M. C. A.....	116	Accid'tal d. to w.	1.00
	Andrews & Peck.....	117	Sashes, etc.....	20.00
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	118	Paint goods....	35.65
18	Park payroll No. 22....	119	Labor.....	220.23
27	Park payroll No. 13....	120	Labor.....	192.25—\$2,946.07
Aug. 3	Park payroll No. 14....	121	Labor.....	208.61
4	E. W. Clarke & Son....	122	Asphalt walks...	600.00
10	Park payroll No. 15....	123	Labor.....	200.23
14	Theo. Wirth.....	124	July sal. (+ ex. \$8)	133.00
	J. Vidbourne.....	125	Sal. (+ ex. \$10.25)	70.25
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	126	Rent of office, etc.	42.99
	J. Ogilvy.....	127	Janitor.....	8.00
	S. N. E. Telephone Co..	128	Telephone, 3 mo.	14.40
	The C., L. & B. Co....	129	Printing, etc....	29.75
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	130	July lighting....	10.00
	Hartford Courant Co..	131	Adv. Park Rules	13.50
	Burr Brothers.....	132	Adv. Park Rules	12.75
	T. Sisson & Co.....	133	Tar, etc.....	5.25
	Olds & Whipple.....	134	Lawnmowers....	71.79
	Wolcott & Darby....	135	Surveying.....	16.90
	Brown, Thomson & Co..	136	Cotton cloth. ...	1.63
	Blodgett & Clapp Co..	137	Iron.....	12.38
	J. H. & W. E. Cone....	138	Hardware.....	5.31
	Plimpton Mfg. Co.....	139	Post. cards, etc..	7.75
	Hartford Wire Works...	140	Wire cloth, etc...	7.04
	Ch. Coburn.....	141	Cement.....	3.00
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	142	Shellac, etc.....	2.70
	Cadwell & Jones.....	143	Grass seed, etc..	18.55
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co..	144	Oils, etc.....	14.90
15	Fleischman & Co.....	145	Empty boxes....	11.00
	Henry F. Smith.....	146	Recording deeds	3.00
	Patrick Garvan.....	147	Toilet paper....	5.25
	F. C. Sturtevant.....	148	Fertilizer.....	2.00
	Hartford Lumber Co..	149	Lumber.....	2.91
	W. P. Wooley.....	150	Manure.....	45.00
	J. H. Saunders.....	151	Handcart.....	26.95
	Sam. Collins & Co.....	152	Curb., etc., S.Gr.	102.50
	Robert Garvie.....	153	Plumbing.....	1.45
17	Park payroll No. 16....	154	Labor.....	183.91
18	F. W. Shackley.....	155	Manure, etc.....	10.50
24	Park payroll No. 17....	156	Labor.....	206.77
31	Park payroll No. 18....	157	Labor.....	218.93—2,330.85
Sept. 4	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	158	Gas bill.....	1.38
5	Theo. Wirth.....	159	Aug. salary (plus expenses, \$4.65)	129.65
	E. W. Clarke & Son....	160	Bal. Asph. walks	624.98
7	J. Vidbourne.....	161	Aug. sal. (+ ex. \$1)	61.00
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	162	Office rent.....	37.50
	Hfd. Engraving Co....	163	Half-tone plates.	100.00

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July 17	F. C. Sturtevant.....	110	Fertilizers.....	\$20.00
	Henry F. Smith.....	111	Recording deeds	8.55
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	112	Month lighting..	10.00
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	Hfd. Electric Light Co.	130	July lighting....	10.00
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	Brown, Thomson & Co..	136	Cotton cloth. ...	1.63
	Blodgett & Clapp Co...	137	Iron	12.38
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	Plimpton Mfg. Co.....	139	Post. cards, etc..	7.75
	Hartford Wire Works...	140	Wire cloth, etc...	7.04
	Ch. Coburn.....	141	Cement.....	3.00
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	Hartford Lumber Co...	149	Lumber.....	2.91
	W. P. Wooley.....	150	Manure	45.00
	J. H. Saunders.....	151	Handcart.....	26.95
	Sam. Collins & Co.....	152	Curb., etc., S.Gr.	102.50
	Robert Garvie.....	153	Plumbing	1.45
17	Park payroll No. 16....	154	Labor	183.91
18	F. W. Shackley.....	155	Manure, etc.....	10.50
24	Park payroll No. 17....	156	Labor	206.77
31	Park payroll No. 18....	157	Labor	218.93— 2,330.85
Sept. 4	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	158	Gas bill.....	1.38
5	Theo. Wirth.....	159	Aug. salary (plus expenses, \$4.65)	129.65
	E. W. Clarke & Son....	160	Bal. Asph. walks	624.98
7	J. Vidbourne.....	161	Aug. sal. (+ ex. \$1)	61.00
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	162	Office rent.....	37.50
	Hfd. Engraving Co....	163	Half-tone plates.	100.00

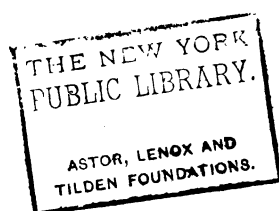
Expenditures — Continued.

Date	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
1897				
Jan. 4	Park payroll No. 36.....	272	Labor	\$107.02
5	Hartford Engraving Co.....	273	Photographs	10 00
	Lincoln & Co.....	274	Grating, etc	12.63
	Theo. Wirth.....	275	Mo's. salary (plus exp., \$2.85)....	127.85
	J. L. Richards & Co.....	276	City atlas	25.00
	J. Vidbourne.....	277	Sal'y (+ ex. \$2.25)	62 25
	Am. Dist. Tel. & Mes. Co.....	278	Spec. messengers ..	.60
	Plimpton Mfg. Co.....	279	Blank books, etc.....	10.00
	S. W. Adams.....	280	Cashp'd post. etc.....	5.31
	L. L. Ensworth & Co.....	281	Pole, etc., snow-plow.....	1.75
	Smith, Bourn & Co.....	282	Horse goods.....	1.25
	H. W. Palmer & Co.....	283	Cart'ge and fr'ght ..	.98
6	Bruce, Filley & Co.....	284	Oil stove.....	.75
	Wm. M. Balf.....	285	Cleaning vault ..	6.00
	R. N. Fitzgerald.....	286	Coarse salt.....	1.00
	Hfd. Cement Tile Co.....	287	Drain tile.....	4.10
	Henry Cowlshaw.....	288	Saw and key.....	.64
	Peter Brandon.....	289	Sand, 6 loads.....	12.00
	C. O. Baldwin.....	290	Rubber stamp.....	.75
	J. M. Thorburne & Co.....	291	Seeds & syringe.....	16.60
	J. H. & W. E. Cone.....	292	Hardware.....	13.83
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	293	Paints, etc.....	1.75
	Hartford Lumber Co.....	294	Lumber.....	44.81
11	Park payroll No. 37.....	295	Labor	116.30
13	Wolcott & Darby.....	296	Surveying	147.40
18	Park payroll No. 38.....	297	Labor	136.32
25	Park payroll No. 39.....	298	Labor	120.76 —
Feb. 1	Park payroll No. 40.....	299	Labor	152.44
	J. Ogilvy.....	300	Janitor.....	8.00
2	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.....	301	Office rent, 2 mos.....	75.00
	Theodore Wirth.....	302	Sal. (+ ex. \$14 85)	139.85
	J. Vidbourne.....	303	Month's salary.....	60.00
	S. N. E. Telephone Co.....	304	Telephones, two.....	22.40
	C. B. Boardman.....	305	Carriage hire.....	14.00
	Hfd. Electric Light Co.....	306	Lighting for Dec.....	10.00
	T. Sisson & Co.....	307	Kerosene.....	4.81
	H. F. Smith.....	308	Recording deeds.....	8.70
	Geo. W. Newton & Son.....	309	Coal.....	36.00
	Daniels Mill Co.....	310	Horse feed, etc.....	11.62
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	311	Oils, paints, etc.....	55.82
	Dwight Slate Mach. Co.....	312	Brass plugs, etc.....	3.44
	Capitol City Carriage Co.....	313	Wagon, sl'gh, etc.....	160.27
	P. Garvan.....	314	Paper.....	.66
	H. W. Seide.....	315	Insurance.....	2.50
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co.....	316	Paints, etc.....	6.42
3	Olmsted, Olms'd & Eliot.....	317a	L'dscape designs, new parks.....	662.93
	Olmsted, Olms'd & Eliot.....	317b	L'dscapedesigns, old parks.....	116.23
	W. P. Woolley.....	318	Manure.....	40.00
	L. Barker & Co.....	319	Piano box (for bin)	1.50
	Francis & Co.....	320	Hardware.....	8.30

\$987.75



POPE PARK — POND.
(*Looking Southwest.*)



Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
Feb. 3	J. H. & W. E. Cone....	321	Hardware.....	\$34.89
	Frank F. Schirm.....	322	Blacksmithing...	17.51
	Hartford Lumber Co....	323	Lumber.....	34.09
	Pope Tube Co.....	324	Barrel.....	1.00
	F. W. Shackley.....	325	Coal, Pope Park.	6.00
	S. B. Bosworth.....	326	Drain tile.....	13.62
8	Park payroll No. 41....	327	Labor.....	129.78
15	Park payroll No. 42.	328	Labor.....	155.60
	F. P. Barrows.....	329	Horse.....	100.00
22	Park payroll No. 43....	330	Labor.....	145.28
27	Park payroll No. 44....	331	Labor.....	136.60—\$2,375.26
Mar. 2	Theo. Wirth.....	332	Sal.(+ex.pd.\$14)	139.00
	Cross & Morley.....	333	Ins. premiums ..	7.20
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	334	Gas at office.....	3.25
	Katharine McCarthy....	335	Typ'w'g cat., etc.	5.60
	Smith & McDonough....	336	Stationery.....	5.35
	Frank F. Schirm.....	337	Blacksmithing...	52.15
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	338	Lighting for Jan.	10.00
	F. G. Whitmore.....	339	Sal'y (for 4 mos.)	500.00
	Hartford Lumber Co....	340	Lumber.....	91.67
	Daniels Mill Co.....	341	Oats.....	6.50
	Hfd. Engraving Co.....	342	Photos, Pope P'k	3.20
	Brandon Brothers.....	343	Sand ..	2.00
	J. H. & W. E. Cone....	344	Hardware, etc....	34.63
	E. C. Bishop & Co.....	345	Ladder.....	2.85
	J. M. Thorburn & Co....	346	Seeds, etc.....	5.15
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	347	Paint goods.....	8.33
	Olds & Whipple.....	348	Pan.....	.25
6	Henry Cowlshaw.....	349	Sharpening tools	1.40
8	Park payroll No. 45....	350	Labor.....	129.68
15	Park payroll No. 46....	351	Labor.....	126.25
22	Park payroll No. 47....	352	Labor.....	127.43
29	Park payroll No. 48....	353	Labor.....	153.41—1,415.30
Apr. 5	Park payroll No. 49....	354	Labor.....	157.75
6	Theo. Wirth.....	355	March sal'y, etc..	134.89
	F. G. Whitmore.....	356	March sal'y, etc..	130.77
	Hfd. City Gas Light Co.	357	2 mos. office rent	75.00
	J. A. Ogilvy.....	358	Janitorial.....	8.00
	Hfd. Electric Light Co..	359	Feb. lighting....	10.00
	J. M. Thorburn & Co....	360	Tree and seeds..	3.80
	Cottage Gardens (Queens, N. Y.)	361	Plants.....	19.39
	Geo. H. Wilder.....	362	Clerical work....	8.00
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co....	363	Chemicals. ..	2.11
	Buellsbach Railing Shop	364	Iron railing.....	98.00
	Daniels Mill Co.....	365	Oats.....	6.40
	Wolcott & Darby.....	366	S'veys, Pope P'k	139.05
	J. H. & W. E. Cone....	367	Hardware, etc ..	6.56
	J. H. Eckhardt & Co....	368	Paint brush, etc..	1.30
	Frank F. Schirm.....	369	Blacksmithing...	7.65
	C. O. Purinton.....	370	Flower pots.....	8.93
	Edward Balf.....	371	Sand, etc.....	3.50
	W. A. Manda.....	372	Plants.....	12.00
	Blodgett & Clapp Co....	373	Refined iron.....	11.50
	Smith, Bourn & Co....	374	Horse goods....	.50

Expenditures — Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For what Purpose.	Amounts.
Apr. 6	Cadwell & Jones.....	375	Brooms, etc.....	\$4.37
	Henry Cowlshaw.....	376	Sharpening tools	1.32
	S. J. Hussey & Co.....	377	Paints & paint'g.	11.51
	Robert Garvie.....	378	Plumb'gg'ds, etc.	9.49
7	K. McCarthy.....	379	Typewriting...	.25
	L. W. Burt.....	380	S'v'ing (partial)	500.00
12	Park payroll No. 50.....	381	Labor.....	189.88
19	Park payroll No. 51.....	382	Labor.....	242.36
20	Park payroll No. 52.....	383	Labor.....	405.74— \$2,210.02
Total expended.....				\$35,307.83
On hand to balance.....				489.12
Total received.....				\$35,796.95

SUMMARY.

Receipts.

1896.			
May 1.	On hand from last year,		\$751.76
31.	Received in May,	\$3,610.18	
June 30.	" June,	7,597.57	
July 31.	" July,	4,218.02—	\$15,425.77
Aug. 31.	" August,	1,343.40	
Sept. 30.	" September,	1,993.02	
Oct.	" October,	2,340.52	
Nov.	" November,	2,418.35	
Dec.	" December,	5,623.21—	13,718.50
1897.			
Jan. 31.	" January,	1,354.35	
Feb. 28.	" February,	1,731.73	
Mch. 31.	" March,	1,066.53—	4,152.61
Apr. 30.	" April,	1,748.31—	1,748.31— 35,045.19
Total receipts,			<u>\$35,796.95</u>

Expenditures.

1896.			
May 31.	Paid in May,	\$3,757.65	
June 30.	" June,	7,170.94	
July 31.	" July,	2,946.07—	\$13,874.66
Aug. 31.	" August,	2,330.85	
Sept. 30.	" September,	2,271.89	
Oct. 31.	" October,	1,845.45	
Nov. 30.	" November,	2,622.46	
Dec. 31.	" December,	5,374.19—	14,444.84
1897.			
Jan. 31.	" January,	987.75	
Feb. 28.	" February,	2,375.26	
Mch. 31.	" March,	1,415.30—	4,778.31
Apr. 30.	" April,	2,210.02—	2,210.02
Total expended,			<u>\$35,307.83</u>
On hand to balance,			<u>489.12</u>
			<u>\$35,796.95</u>

SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

HARTFORD, CONN., May 1, 1897.

I hereby certify I have examined the books, vouchers, and statement of Board of Park Commissioners and find them correct.

CHAS. H. ROBINS,
City Auditor.

TRIAL BALANCE, APRIL 30, 1897.

Page	1.	Cash (in bank),	\$489.12	
"	4.	City Treasurer, Tax Fund account,	3,521.10	
"	6.	City Treasurer, Bond Fund account,	54,416.21	
"	8.	Tax Fund,		\$5,696.58
"	12.	Bond Fund,		52,729.85
"	75.	Total disbursement account,		133,023.41
"	80.	Salaries,	2,379.17	
"	83.	Supplies,	326.42	
"	86.	General expense,	3,588.24	
"	89.	Tool-house,	291.71	
"	90.	Machine tools and implements,	894.28	
"	94.	Machine tools and implements, repair acct.,	545.36	
"	98.	Compost,	800.88	
"	100.	Bushnell Park,	11,139.19	
"	105.	House of Comfort,	909.36	
"	110.	Pope Park,	26,786.47	
"	115.	Nursery,	3,005.80	
"	120.	Riverside Park,	49,899.36	
"	130.	South Park,	25,057.44	
"	135.	South Green,	6,337.60	
"	140.	Tunnel Park,	179.48	
"	142.	Sigourney Square,	447.24	
"	144.	Buckingham Square,	66.29	
"	146.	Lafayette Square,	103.88	
"	148.	Franklin Square,	39.33	
"	149.	Village Square,	223.19	
"	154.	Maple Park,	2.72	
			\$191,449.84—	\$191,449.84

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING THIS DAY,
APRIL 30, 1897.*Resources.*

Cash (in bank),	\$489.12
City Treasurer, Tax Fund account,	3,521.10
City Treasurer, Bond Fund account,	54,416.21
Inventory,	118,982.20— \$177,408.63

Liabilities.

Tax Fund,	\$5,696.58
Bond Fund,	52,729.85
Total disbursement account,	118,982.20— \$177,408.63

Inventory.

Machine tools and implements,	\$2,330.61
Office fixtures and supplies	425.58
Compost,	800.88



POPE PARK—GROVE AND PARK RIVER.
(View from Park Street.)

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TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

Supplies,		\$326.42	
Nursery,		1,500.00	
Tool-house,		171.61	
Bushnell Park,		6,529.24	
Pope Park, new lands,	\$24,100.00		
commission,	182.00		
improvements,	1,908.00—	26,190.00	
Riverside Park, new lands,	48,641.25		
improvements,	934.05—	49,575.30	
South Park, new lands,	23,686.59		
commission,	413.33		
improvements,	935.30—	25,035.22	
South Green, improvements,		5,932.78	
Sigourney Square, improvements,		54.56	
Buckingham Square, improvements,		23.00	
Lafayette Square, improvements,		40.00	
Franklin Square, improvements,		22.00	
Village Square, improvements,		25.00	
		<u>\$118,982.20</u>	

THE TAX FUND (accruing from the 5-mill assessment).

Cash balance on hand, May 1, 1896, as per report —			
In City Treasury,	\$7,897.29		
In Bank,	751.76		
The City Treasurer received from the Collector and deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of this Board during the year ending May 1, 1897,	26,603.91		
Incidental receipts, rentals, etc., during year ending May 1, 1897,	751.73		
Incidental receipts, rentals, etc., prior to May 1, 1896, not heretofore credited to Tax Fund,	888.87—	\$36,893.56	
Expenditures from Tax Fund during year ending May 1, 1897,	31,196.98		
Balance on hand to credit of Tax Fund,	5,696.58—	36,893.56	

THE BOND FUND (accruing from sale of Park Improvement Bonds).

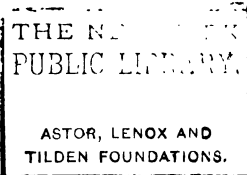
Cash balance on hand in City Treasury, May 1, 1896, as per report,	\$107,069.45		
Accrued interest,	1,746.10—	\$108,815.55	
Expenditures from Bond Fund during year ending May 1, 1897:			
New lands,	\$51,847.85		
Commission paid for purchase of new lands,	595.33		
Surveying,	3,558.97		
Appraisal, of lands recorded, deeds,	83.55		
	<u>\$56,085.70</u>		
Balance on hand to credit of Bond Fund,	52,729.85—	\$108,815.55	
Expenditures from Bond Fund prior to May 1, 1896, as per 1896 report,	46,005.55		

List of lands purchased for park purposes, and paid for out of proceeds of sale of 150 bonds :

POPE PARK.		Prior to May 1, 1896.	May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897.
\$1,250.00		.....	.....
700.00		.....	.....
800.00		\$2,750.00	.....
5,000.00		.....	.....
10,000.00		.....	.....
900.00		.....	.....
2,300.00		.....	.....
2,700.00		.....	.....
450.00		.....	\$21,350.00
Total,	\$24,100.00	.....	.....
RIVERSIDE PARK.			
\$25,000.00		.....	.....
1,810.00		.....	.....
2,500.00		29,310.00	.....
1,500.00		.....	.....
3,500.00		.....	.....
1,250.00		.....	.....
6,500.00		.....	.....
6,581.25		.....	19,331.25
Total,	\$48,641.25	.....	.....
SOUTH PARK.			
\$7,520.00		.....	.....
3,000.00		.....	.....
1,999.99		12,519.99	.....
2,166.60		.....	.....
9,000.00		.....	11,166.60
Total,	\$23,686.59	.....	.....
		\$44,579.99	\$51,847.85
Total paid for lands (all parks), .		96,427.84	
Total commissions paid for purchase of above lands, . . .		595.33	



POPE PARK.
(Trinity College in background.)



	Bushnell	Pope Park	Riverside Park	South Park	South Green	Tunnel Park	Buckingham Square	Sigourney Square	Lafayette Square	Village Square	Maple Park	Franklin Square	Total		
New roadways.....	\$ 14.46	5.32	.....	.....	248.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268.62	Salaries	\$2,379.17
New sidewalks.....	3,141.37	47.21	.....	.....	3,935.96	8.28	.....	.....	.....	35.76	.....	.....	7,168.58	Supplies.....	326.42
Grading and filling.....	926.07	145.66	.....	.....	1,181.91	24.48	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	1,257.00	General expenses.....	3,588.24
Plantations.....	815.96	.....	.....	.....	114.74	.....	.....	4.56	.....	7.50	.....	.....	942.76	Tool-house.....	201.71
Drainage.....	57.27	118.85	.....	.....	238.41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	414.53	Machinery and tools.....	894.28
Seeding and turfing.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.06	.....	.....	35.32	Mach. and tools, repair acct.	545.36
Surveying.....	1,058.25	1,427.71	857.60	935.30	361.39	46.00	23.00	50.00	40.00	25.00	.....	22.00	4,840.25	.....	.....
General expenses.....	515.26	163.25	76.45	.....	871.99	.....	.....	.....	.....	102.02	.....	.....	1,728.97	Compost.....	800.88
New lands.....	24,100.00	48,641.25	23,686.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96,427.84	House of Comfort.....	909.36
Commissions.....	182.00	.....	.....	413.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	595.33	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 6,529.24	26,190.00	49,575.30	25,035.22	5,932.78	78.76	23.00	54.56	40.00	204.34	.....	22.00	113,685.20	Park improvements.....	\$113,685.20
Sweep'g, clean'g sidewalks. \$	157.09	13.63	.....	.....	8.38	7.70	1.95	2.38	.44	3.28	.....	.....	194.85	Nursery.....	\$3,005.80
Snow, cleaning sidewalks..	263.61	25.79	.76	.....	28.83	13.49	8.56	.....	6.43	192.72	7.25	.....	357.63	.....	.....
Repairs, sidewalks.....	69.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.55	.....	.....	.76	.....	.....	.....	79.02	.....	.....
Cleaning, repairing roads...	44.34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.34	.....	.....
Mowing lawns.....	1,648.15	97.56	231.14	11.88	88.82	59.91	27.86	395.68	22.80	.....	.....	1.76	2,495.56	.....	.....
Seeding and turfing lawns..	266.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	276.99	.....	.....
Flowers and flower beds...	62.19	4.60	.....	.....	4.60	.....	.....	12.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.97	.....	.....
Trees and shrubs.....	368.39	44.57	13.30	.....	50.98	5.56	2.40	16.83	5.24	.....	.....	8.32	515.69	.....	.....
Fallen leaves.....	144.97	.....	.....	.....	5.52	4.37	1.64	3.00	.38	.....	.....	.....	159.88	\$6,093.20 less	.....
Labor and general expenses	1,618.45	558.47	213.86	10.34	67.69	1.14	.88	10.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,481.44	396.30 credits.	.....
Compost.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	45.00	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	300.00	\$6,596.99	.....
Supplies.....	2.57	6.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.02	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 4,721.25	746.47	459.06	22.22	404.82	100.72	43.29	392.68	63.88	18.85	2.72	17.33	6,596.99	Park maintenance.....	\$6,596.99
Credits.....	111.30	150.00	135.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total..	\$ 4,609.95	596.47	324.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Total disbursements account.....	\$13,023.41

REPORT ON LABOR EXCLUSIVE OF CONTRACT WORK.

The following table shows the average number of laborers and teamsters employed daily in each month and gives the average expense per day for labor, together with the total outlay per month and for the year from May 1, 1896, to and with April 30, 1897.

	Foremen.	Laborers.	Teamsters.	Total.	Average Expense per Day.	Total Expense per Month.
1896.						
May.....	2	35	5	42	\$54.04	\$1,675.46
June.....	2	32	4	38	50.99	1,595.50
July.....	2	23	3	28	34.40	1,026.26
August.....	2	17	1	20	28.31	877.70
September.....	2	37	5	44	35.65	1,069.66
October.....	2	25	2	29	38.47	1,192.75
November.....	2	17	2	21	27.08	812.43
December.....	2	13	1	16	20.52	636.04
1897.						
January.....	2	14	1	17	18.17	563.36
February.....	2	14	1	17	20.32	569.01
March.....	2	11	1	14	20.10	622.95
April.....	2	30	4	36	41.11	1,235.15
						\$11,876.27

APPENDIX No. 1.

OFFICERS ELECTED SINCE MAY 1, 1897.

President, WM. DELOSS LOVE, May 3, 1897.

Vice-President, PATRICK GARVAN, May 3, 1897.

Secretary, S. W. ADAMS, May 3, 1897.

Committees Appointed:

Pope Park, Commissioner DAY, May 10, 1897.

Riverside Park, Commissioner GARVAN, May 10, 1897.

Elizabeth Park, Commissioner ROBINSON, May 10, 1897.

South Park, Commissioner FAIRFIELD, May 10, 1897.

Keney Park, Commissioner GOODWIN, May 10, 1897.

Bushnell Park (West Side), Commissioner GROSS, May 10, 1897.

Bushnell Park (East Side), Commissioner RUSSELL, May 10, 1897.

Sigourney, Tunnel, and Village Parks, Commissioner TWITCHELL, May 10, 1897.

South Green, Buckingham, Washington, Maple, and Franklin Avenue,
Commissioner LOVE, May 10, 1897.

Parkways, Commissioner WARNER, May 10, 1897.

Employment, Commissioners TWITCHELL, FAIRFIELD, and RUSSELL, May 10, 1897.

On Auditing, Commissioners GROSS and GOODWIN.

APPENDIX No. 2.

PARKS AND PARK-AREAS.

Names or Locations.	Number of Acres.	When Laid Out or Opened.
1 Buckingham Square	0.323	{ 1828, as a "Public Square." In part im-
2 Bushnell Park	41.270	{ proved by adjoining residents
3 Cor. Asylum av. }	0.927	{ 1854. [Exclusive of "Capitol Grounds,"
and Sigourney st. }		{ so called; 14.440 acres.]
4 Franklin and Ma- }	0.204	{ About 187-. Cared for by adjoining res-
ple avs. }		{ idents.
5 Elizabeth Park	93. ?	{ About 1870; enclosed as Park in 1876.
6 Pope Park	89.047	{ 1896; part on each side of Prospect av.
7 Retreat and Ma- }	0.119	{ 1895; part each side Park st.; 18.097 acres
ple avs. }		{ N. of Park st.; 70.050 S. of Park st.
8 Riverside Park	68.000	{ 1854; purchased from Wm. Isham.
9 Sigourney Park	2.850	{ 1895; Right bank Conn. River, formerly
10 South Green	1.710	{ in North Meadow.
11 South (unnamed) }	131.000	{ 1895; transferred from town of Hartford.
Park, part only }		{ An old town common; first <i>enclosed</i> , 1816.
12 Tunnel Park	0.652	{ 1895, E. of Maple av. and S. of South st.
13 Washington and }	0.627	{ Will probably increase to 200 acres.
Lafayette sts. }		{ Held by lease since 1874; owned by "Con-
14 Windsor and Vil- }	0.167	{ solidated" and "New England" R.Rs.
lage sts. }		{ 1882; partly from <i>old</i> Lafayette (now
		{ Washington) street?
		{ About 1826; enclosed in 1870.
Total, . . .	429.896	Acres, or about 430.

Prospective Parks (such as lands adjoining Zion street, Keney Park, etc.), are not included in the above. The latter (not completed), will contain nearly a square mile.



POPE PARK — PARK STREET OLD BRIDGE.
(*Looking Northwest.*)

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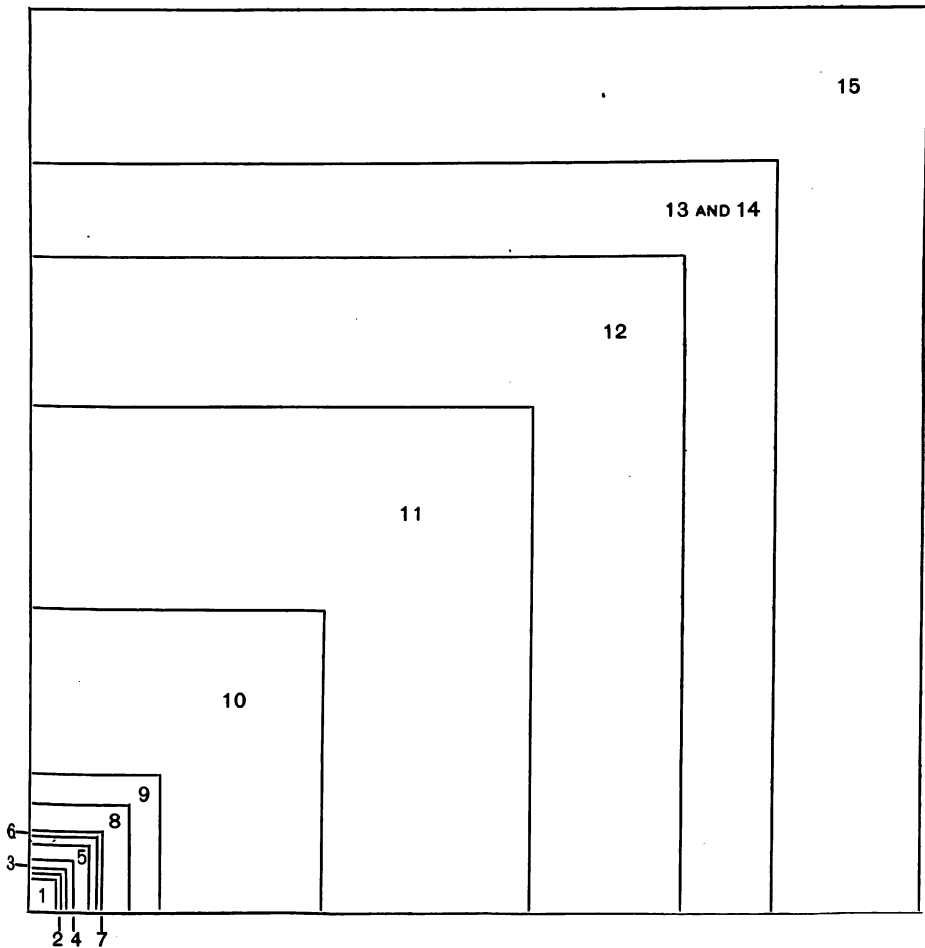
ASTOR, LENOX AND
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

APPENDIX No. 3.

THE RELATIVE SIZES OF THE DIFFERENT PARK AREAS.

	ACRES		ACRES
1 Maple Ave. Square . .	0.119	9 Sigourney Square . .	2.850
2 Village St. " . .	0.167	10 Capitol Grounds . .	14.440
3 Franklin Ave. " . .	0.204	11 Bushnell Park . . .	41.270
4 Buckingham St. Square	0.323	12 Riverside " (about)	68.000
5 Lafayette St. " . .	0.627	13 Pope " . . .	90.000
6 Tunnel Park	0.652	14 Elizabeth " . . .	90.000
7 Asylum Ave. Square .	0.927	15 South "	130.000
8 South Green	1.710		
	4.729	Total	441.289

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APPENDIX No. 4.

PARK ILLUSTRATIONS IN FORMER REPORTS.

1893.

1. Bushnell Park, Showing Memorial Arch and Capitol. Fronting title page.
2. Plan (as proposed in 1858) of Bushnell Park Page 11.

1894.

3. Original Charter Oak. Preceding title page.
4. Seedling from Charter Oak; in Bushnell Park. Preceding title page.

1895.

5. Site of Bushnell Park in 1850. Preceding title page.
6. Looking West from East end of Park Pond. Preceding title page.
7. Looking West, Showing Bliss Elm. Page 7.
8. Bridge and Bend, South of Union Place. Page 9.
9. Looking Northwest, Ward Elm in the Center. Page 11. (For other Views in Bushnell Park, see *Connecticut Quarterly*, 1895, Nos. 1 and 2. Of Pope Park, No. 4, same year.)

1896.

10. Oldest Elm Tree in Bushnell Park. Fronting title page.
11. Memorial Arch, Looking Northeast. Page 7.
12. Bushnell Park; View from Trumbull Street Bridge, Looking Southwest. Page 11.
13. Bushnell Park; Looking West from East End of Pond. Page 13.
14. Bushnell Park; Looking East from West End of Pond. Page 15.
15. South Green; Looking North. Page 23.
16. Riverside Park; Looking Northeasterly. Page 25.
17. Riverside Park; Looking Northwest. Page 27.
18. View in South (unnamed) Park; Natural Grove, Looking East. Page 28.
19. View in South (unnamed) Park; Natural Grove, Looking Northeast. Page 33.
20. View in South (unnamed) Park; Natural Grove, Looking South. Page 37.
21. View in South (unnamed) Park; Natural Grove, Looking Northeast. Page 39.

APPENDIX No. 5.

TREES AND SHRUBS.

In our thirty-Sixth Annual Report, we publish a list of such Trees and Shrubs as we had, up to that date, in our possession in Bushnell Park alone. We did not include such as were growing (wild or cultivated) in other parks; of which, we are aware of some species not mentioned in said list.

Herewith is given a list of such species (and varieties) received since said Report was published, as nearly as I have been able to identify and name them.

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BOTANICAL NAMES.	COMMON NAMES.
<i>Abies concolor.</i>	Colorado Blue Fir.
<i>A. Fraseri.</i>	Fraser's Fir.
<i>A. nobilis glauca.</i>	California Fir.
<i>A. Nordmanniana.</i>	Nordmann's Fir.
<i>A. pectinata.</i>	European Silver Fir.
<i>A. pinsapo.</i>	Spanish Fir.
<i>Ailantus glandulosa.</i>	Tree of Heaven, Japanese.
<i>Aralia pentaphylla.</i>	Five-leaved Angelica.
<i>Biota Orientalis, var. elegantissima.</i>	Chinese Arbor Vitæ (Robinson's Golden-leaved).
<i>B. Orientalis, var. aurea.</i>	Golden Chinese Arbor Vitæ.
<i>Callicarpa Americana.</i>	French Mulberry.
<i>Cornus sanguinea, var. elegantissima.</i>	Red Dogwood, European.
<i>Daphne cneorum.</i>	Garland Flower.
<i>Diervilla candida.</i>	White Weigelia.
<i>Eleagnus parviflora.</i>	Small-flowered Oleaster.
<i>E. angustifolia.</i>	Narrow-leaved Oleaster.
<i>Evonymus Europæus.</i>	European Spindle-tree.
<i>E. alatus.</i>	Cork-barked Spindle-tree.
<i>Forsythia intermedia.</i>	Golden Bells.
<i>F. suspensa.</i>	Weeping Golden Bells.
<i>Halesia tetraptera.</i>	Snowdrop (Silver Bell) tree.
<i>Hydrangea nivea.</i>	Snowy Hydrangea.
<i>Juniperus communis, var. drupacæa.</i>	Drupaceous Juniper.
<i>J. communis, var. aurea.</i>	Golden Juniper.
<i>J. communis, var. Suecia.</i>	Swedish Juniper.
<i>Ligustrum medium.</i>	Japanese Privet.
<i>Lonicera Belgica.</i>	Monthly Honeysuckle.
<i>L. fragrantissima.</i>	Sweetest Honeysuckle.
<i>L. Halleana.</i>	Yellow-flowered Honeysuckle.
<i>L. Sempervirens.</i>	Scarlet-coral Honeysuckle.

BOTANICAL NAMES.	COMMON NAMES.
<i>Mahonia Japonica</i> .	Japanese Barberry.
<i>Philadelphus grandiflora</i> .	Large-flowered Mock-orange (or Syringa).
<i>Picea alba</i> , var. <i>aurea</i> .	Golden-leaved Black Spruce.
<i>P. Alcockiana</i> .	Alcock's Spruce.
<i>P. concolor</i> .	Blue Spruce.
<i>P. excelsa</i> , var. <i>alata</i> .	Winged Norway Spruce.
<i>P. excelsa</i> , var. <i>Gregoriana</i> .	Gregory's Spruce.
<i>P. Finedonensis</i> .	Finedon Spruce.
<i>P. nigra</i> , var. <i>Doumetti</i> .	Doumet's Black Spruce.
<i>P. Orientalis</i> .	Eastern Spruce.
<i>P. polita</i> .	Tiger-tail Spruce.
<i>P. pungens</i> .	Colorado Blue Spruce.
<i>P. sub-alpina</i> .	Sub-Alpine Spruce.
<i>Pinus cembra</i> .	Swiss Stone-pine.
<i>P. excelsa</i> .	Lofty Bhotan Pine.
<i>P. Mugho</i> .	Mugho Pine, dwarf.
<i>P. resinosa</i> .	Red Pine.
<i>Populus alba</i> , var. <i>Bolleana</i> .	Silver Poplar.
<i>Prunus pumila</i> .	Sand Cherry.
<i>Pseudo-Tsuga Douglasii</i> .	Douglas' Spruce.
<i>Pyrus Americana</i> .	Am. Mountain Ash.
<i>Retinispora filifera</i> .	Thread-twigged Jap. Cypress.
<i>R. lycopodoides</i> .	Club-moss Jap. Cypress.
<i>R. plumosa</i> .	Plumed Jap. Cypress.
<i>R. plumosa</i> , var. <i>aurea</i> .	Golden-leaved Jap. Cypress.
<i>R. squarrosa</i> .	Scurfy Jap. Cypress.
<i>Rhodotypus Kerrioides</i> .	White Kerria.
<i>Rhus glabra</i> .	Smooth Sumach.
<i>Rosa Setigera</i> .	Prairie Rose.
<i>Salix rosmarinifolia</i> .	Rosemary Willow.
<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i> .	Umbrella Pine, Japanese.
<i>Spiræa callosa</i> .	Fortune's Spirea.
<i>S. chamædrifolia</i> .	Germander-leaved Spirea.
<i>S. Douglasi</i> .	Douglas' (rose-colored) Spirea.
<i>S. salicifolia</i> .	Willow-leaved Spirea.
<i>Tecoma radicans</i> .	Trumpet Creeper.
<i>Thuja Occidentalis</i> , var. <i>Hoveyi</i> .	Hovey's Arbor Vitæ.
<i>T. Occidentalis</i> , var. <i>alba</i> .	Silver-tipped Arbor Vitæ.
<i>T. Occidentalis</i> , var. <i>pyramidalis</i> .	Pyramidal Arbor Vitæ.
<i>T. Occidentalis</i> , var. <i>Siberica</i> .	Siberian Arbor Vitæ.
<i>T. Occidentalis</i> , var. <i>Woodwardi</i> .	Woodward's Arbor Vitæ.
<i>Tsuga Canadensis Douglasi</i> , var.	Douglas' Spruce.



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APPENDIX NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, ETC.

[Our Charter, or Act "Amending the Charter of the City of Hartford," passed March 21, 1895, and an Amendment thereto, passed April 24, 1895, were printed in our Thirty-Sixth Annual Report, and are not repeated here. They are also to be found on pages 67 and 207 of the Special Acts and Resolutions of that year.]

GENERAL STATUTES, 1888.

SEC. 1425. Every person who shall injure or destroy any tree growing on any *public square or grounds*, without the consent of the city, borough, or town where the same is situated, or shall willfully injure the fences or herbage of any such public square or grounds, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 1426. Every person who shall willfully injure any statue, monument, chair, or other seat, or any lamp or lamp-post, constructed or being in any *highway, public space, or park*; or any railing or fence erected for public use, or inclosing any such space or park; or any walk or crossing for foot passengers; or any sewer, curbing, or paved gutter, shall be fined not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than seven, nor more than thirty days, or both.

ACT OF 1895, CH. LXVIII.

[This Act simply erases the words "less than ten, nor," and the words "less than seven, nor," from the Section 1426, quoted above.]

GENERAL STATUTES.

SEC. 132. Any town may lay out, inclose, and improve any lands belonging to it, not in any incorporated city, for a public square or common; and may purchase any land within its limits for that purpose.

ACT OF 1897, CH. LII.

SECTION 1. No barbed wire shall be used in the construction of fences, or retained upon existing fences, connected with or enclosing the grounds of any public school, or other public building, *public park*, or cemetery in this state.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

APPENDIX NO. 7.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board of Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in them, hereby make and ordain the following rules and regulations for the management of the parks of the city of Hartford. Any person who shall violate any of the following rules and regulations "shall forfeit and pay for the use of the city treasury a fine not exceeding thirty-five dollars."

It is forbidden :— 1. To enter or leave any park, except by the regular approaches thereto ; to walk upon any border, or to cross any lawn, except in such place as is or shall have been set apart as common ; or unless it be on public occasions, when the use of the park, for the purpose of assembly, shall have been granted by the commissioners.

2. To climb or get upon any tree, statue, fence, railing, or other structure, in any park.

3. To cut, write upon, deface, defile, or otherwise injure, any building, bridge, fence, statue, fountain, seat, or other structure, upon any park.

4. To permit any animal to pass over, or stray upon, any park area ; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to dogs, when led by a cord or chain not exceeding six feet in length.

5. To cut, break, or otherwise injure, any tree or shrub, or any part thereof ; to cut, pluck, or otherwise remove, any blossom or other part of any plant or flower in any park.

6. To throw, sport with, or carry on, to, or about, any stick, stone, lump, or other missile on any park.

7. To scatter or leave upon any park any paper, rag, garbage, or other litter.

8. To void any urine, dung, or other excrement, within the limits of any park, excepting in such place or apartment as is, or shall be, specially provided for such purpose ; and in the latter case, it is forbidden to use or enter any apartment established for persons of the opposite sex exclusively.

9. To exhibit any signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices ; to play any games of chance ; to make any fire ; to have any intoxicating beverage ; to play any musical instrument ; to solicit any money or subscription ; to make any speech or harangue ; to follow or annoy any other visitor, on any park.

10. To drive or propel any vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, wheelbarrow, or hand-cart, on any park, excepting on regular carriage roads ; to skate or slide upon or across any walk upon any park ; or to slide or coast on any driveway.

11. To ride or drive any horse or team at a rate faster than eight miles an hour ; to drive any heavy team, cart, public carriage without passengers, or wagon whatsoever, upon any park driveway or carriage-way (excepting upon park business) on any park.

12. To take any bird or bird's nest ; any fish, frog, turtle, or other live animal of a wild nature, from any park.

13. To sleep or lie upon or overturn any seat upon any park.

14. To deface or injure any notice placed by the park commissioners upon any park ; or to deface or injure this placard.

The foregoing are in addition to such prohibitions and penalties as are provided by the laws of this state and the ordinances of this city.

Hartford, September 30, 1895.

Board of Park Commissioners,

By FRANCIS GOODWIN, *President*.

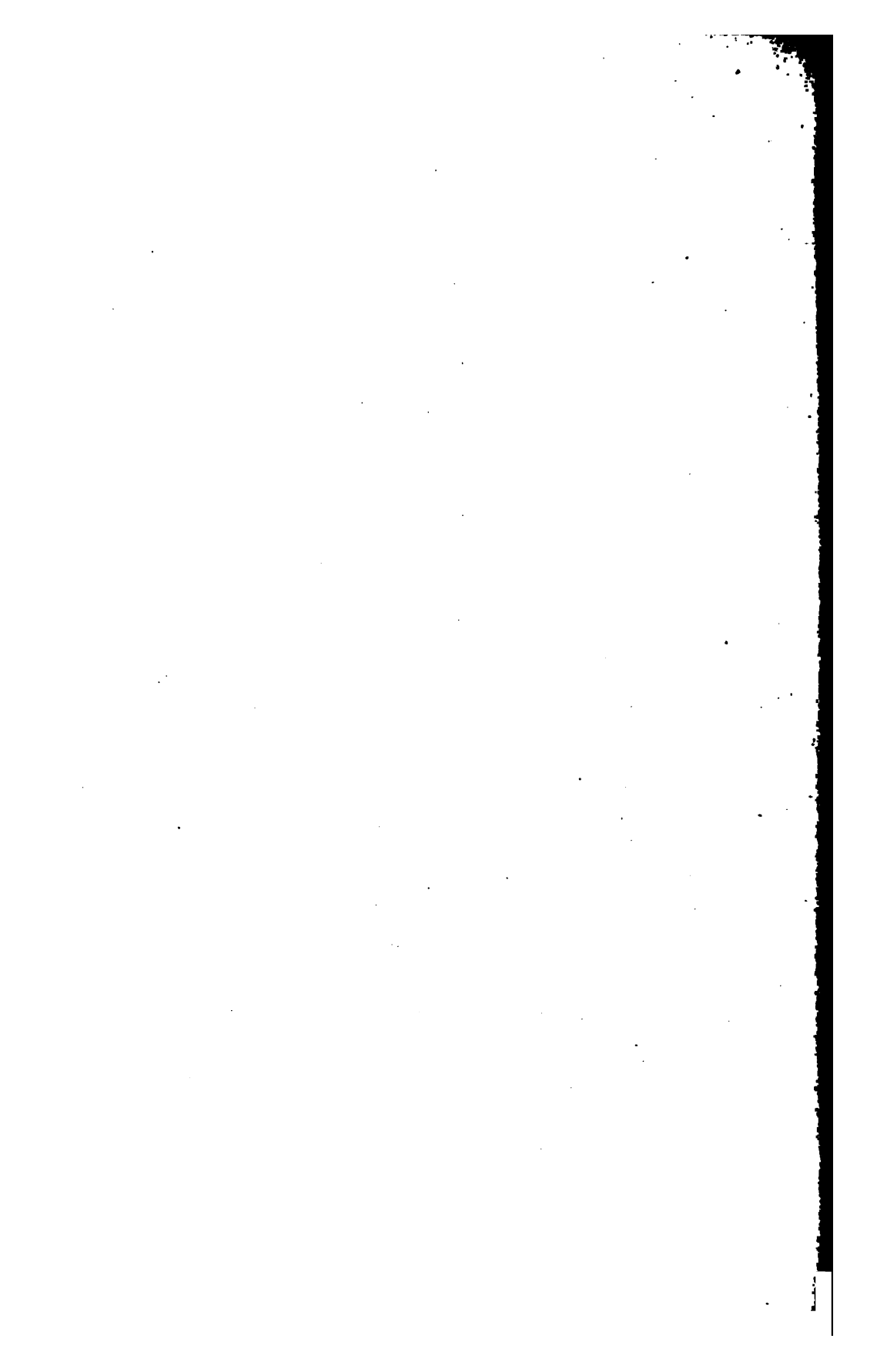
Attest : SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

Board of Aldermen, City of Hartford, November 25, 1895.

Approved, November 26, 1895.

LEVERETT BRAINARD, *Mayor*.

Attest : HENRY F. SMITH, *City Clerk*.



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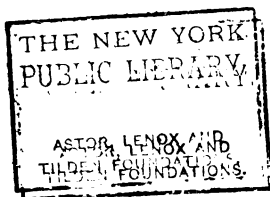
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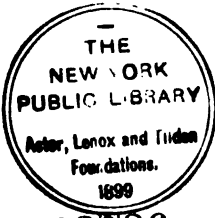
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WM. DELOSS LOVE,

Until April 16, 1899.

FRANCIS GOODWIN,

Until May 1, 1900.

CHARLES E. GROSS,

Until May 1, 1903.

GURDON W. RUSSELL,

Until April 30, 1907.

WILLIS I. TWITCHELL,

Until May 1, 1901.

GEORGE H. DAY,

Until May 1, 1904.

LUCIUS F. ROBINSON,

Until May 1, 1902.

PATRICK GARVAN,

Until May 1, 1906.

GEORGE A. FAIRFIELD,

Until April 17, 1908.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER,

Until May 11, 1906.

★ BENJAMIN ADAMS ESQ.

OFFICERS

UNTIL MAY 1st, 1898.

President, WM. DeLOSS LOVE,
Vice-President, HON. PATRICK GARVAN,
Secretary, SHERMAN W. ADAMS.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Pope Park, Commissioner DAY, May 10, 1897.

Riverside Park, Commissioner GARVAN, May 10, 1897.

Elizabeth Park, Commissioner ROBINSON, May 10, 1897.

South Park, Commissioner FAIRFIELD, May 10, 1897.

Bushnell Park (West Side), Commissioner GROSS, May 10, 1897.

Bushnell Park (East Side), Commissioner RUSSELL, May 10, 1897.

Sigourney, Tunnel, and Village Parks, Commissioner TWITCHELL, May 10, 1897.

South Green, Buckingham, Washington, Maple, and Franklin Avenue,
Commissioner LOVE, May 10, 1897.

Parkways, Commissioner WARNER, May 10, 1897.

Finance, Commissioners GARVAN, DAY, ROBINSON and LOVE.

Employment, Commissioners TWITCHELL, FAIRFIELD and RUSSELL, May 10, 1897.

On Auditing, Commissioners GROSS and GOODWIN.

(For officers elected May 2, 1898, see appendix.)

FRANKLIN G. WHITMORE, Business Agent.

THEODORE WIRTH, Superintendent.

OLMSTED BROTHERS, Consulting Landscape Architects.

REPORT.

To the Honorable Court of Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Park Commissioners has the honor to submit herewith the Thirty-Eighth annual report for the year ending April 30, 1898.

The detailed account of the work of the Board, during the year, will be found within its pages, also the financial report of the receipts and expenditures of moneys, the condition of the permanent funds, schedules of lands acquired and statistical and general information affording a comprehensive view of what has been done in the different parks during the twelve months. The Report contains a number of half-tone engravings of views in Elizabeth Park and the other parks.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

The personnel of the Board remained the same as last year. Commissioner Fairfield was re-elected a member for ten (10) years, his term of office having expired on April 17th.

NURSERY AND FARMSTEAD.

The Nursery which was begun about a year and a half ago in Pope Park was transferred to Elizabeth Park early last Spring. It became necessary that a permanent location for this department be established in which trees, flowers and shrubbery could be propagated and developed, and the southwest corner of Elizabeth Park lands was selected as best fitted for these purposes. Many thousand cuttings were transplanted, and a range of greenhouses was constructed by the Lord and Burnham Co. of New York.

The gardener's cottage, formerly located on Asylum Avenue, together with two large barns, were moved within a convenient distance of the greenhouses. Land was plowed and fertilized, and a large number of young, hardy shrubs and trees were set out. A gravel driveway was built through the center of the Nursery ground. Over 10,000 feet of drain pipe were laid and several acres of ground added for the Nursery work. The greenhouses are at present full of young plants, which later on will be transferred to beds in the different Parks.

The barns will be utilized for storage of tools and farming utensils used both in the construction and maintenance of the various Parks. The expense of maintaining the Nursery is small in comparison to the lasting benefits that will be derived from its storehouse of hardy plants.

Bushnell Park.



No very great changes in Bushnell Park were made during the last year. The west driveway between the tool house and the Capitol has been widened about five (5) feet and curb and gutter stones have been laid on both sides of the driveway; new catch basins have also been built. The sewerage from the house of comfort which had emptied into the Park River was carried to the intercepting sewer, a distance of about 600 feet. Quite extensive repairing of lawns, and replanting of trees, shrubs and flower beds has been done, owing to the damage from the construction of the intercepting sewer. The retaining walls of Park River have been injured and thrown down from the same cause, but they are to be rebuilt by the Street Department.

The Memorial Arch, at considerable expense, has been repointed and repaired. In the opinion of Mr. A. W. Budde, who did the work of repairing, a great deal of the damage to the Arch was owing to the blasting for the intercepting sewer in its immediate locality. The terra cotta on the Arch has been thoroughly washed and treated. A new iron fence is to be constructed around the pond in East Bushnell Park. All the lawns on the east and west section of the Park have received a top dressing of commercial fertilizer.

Through the personal efforts of Senator Joseph R. Hawley, the City has secured from the U. S. Government two nine inch guns, of the Dahlgren pattern; these guns were carried by the war ship Hartford through all her engagements on the Mississippi River

and Mobile Bay. The carriages were from the war ship Wabash. The guns have been placed on the east and west sides of the terrace on temporary wooden platforms.

In June, 1897, Mr. John J. Corning, Esq., of New York City, formerly of Hartford, proposed to give to this city an ornamental fountain, and to erect the same on the west section of Bushnell Park. The Board, at a special meeting held October 15, 1897, accepted the gift of Mr. Corning in behalf of the citizens of Hartford, by vote as follows:

Voted: That the Board of Park Commissioners of Hartford accept from Mr. John J. Corning a fountain for Bushnell Park, to be erected in accordance with the designs submitted by Mr. J. Massey Rhind of New York. The liberality of the giver enables the sculptor to make a work of art that will add to the distinction and attractiveness of the city. For this munificent gift to his native city, Mr. Corning has the most heartfelt thanks of this Board and will have the gratitude of his fellow citizens for this practical expression of his love for Hartford.

The fountain will be 30 feet high. The shafts and basins are to be made of granite. On the summit a bronze figure of a stag, antlered with uplifted head, stands upon a granite rock. The rock is pierced with holes from which the water falls into the first basin which is about 7 feet in diameter; this basin is supported by a group of four bronze figures of Indian maidens represented in their native costumes. The figures are seven feet in height standing in relief against a center shaft which rests upon the next basin. The water from the upper basin will envelop these figures like a veil. The second basin, also of granite, having a diameter of 15 feet, rests upon a center column on the four sides of which are carved heads of wild animals native to Connecticut. Outside the second basin are four heroic figures in bronze of native Indians, in tribal costumes and in attitudes of watching or preparing for war or the chase. Each figure crouches up on a

pedestal which stands upon the lower basin. The lowest basin of granite measures about 36 feet in diameter. The circular space around the basin will be planted with flowers, and this again is surrounded by a granite curb, the diameter of which is about 75 feet. The whole fountain will be a work of art, characteristic of Hartford and of Connecticut.

Bushnell Park contains about 41 acres. Mr. George A. Parker, superintendent of Keney Park, recently read a paper at Boston before the Association of Park Superintendents of New England, in which he stated that the cost of maintenance of this Park is about One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$117.00) per acre, which is, perhaps, below the average cost of maintenance of lawn-mowed parks in New England. A year ago the cost was about One Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$112.00) per acre, a little less than Mr. Parker's figures. This year it will amount to about One Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$114.00) per acre.

Smaller Parks.



Stigourney Square.

Quite a number of young trees of fair size and different varieties and a few new flower-beds have been set out. The ground has received a top dressing of loam. This Park has proved to be quite a popular place of recreation. Concerts were given there last summer in the evenings, and no evidence of vandalism was shown, or damage of any kind to the trees or flower beds by the crowd of visitors.

Lafayette Street Park.

The old paths have been abolished and the grounds and lawns restored. Small planting of trees and shrubs, south end of the Park has been established.

Tunnel Park, Village Street, South Green, Buckingham, Franklin and Maple Avenue Squares.

Tunnel Park, Village Street, South Green, Buckingham, Franklin and Maple Avenue Squares have been maintained, but no changes have been carried out, with the exception of re-setting of curb and gutter on Tunnel, South Green and Franklin Avenue Squares. Improvements on South Green made the year before are beginning to show, as the new plantings are growing rapidly, and the whole park is in a thrifty condition.

New Parks.

Several pieces of land have been acquired by purchase and by condemnation during the past year for the new Parks. A few more pieces are yet to be acquired for South Park. The total amount paid for lands of all Parks to May 1, 1898, amounts to \$111,751.84.

Riverside Park.

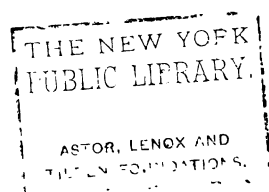


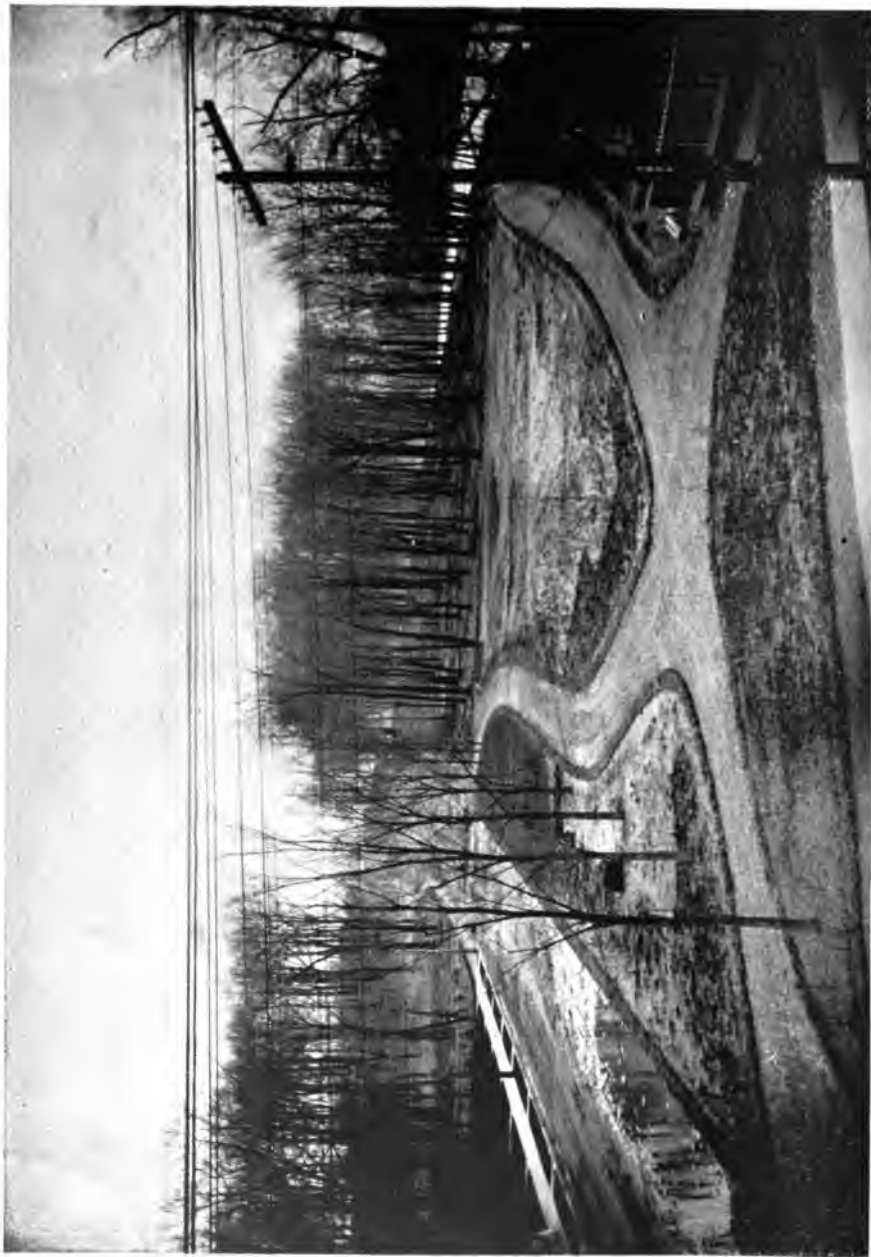
This has been largely beneath the backwaters of Connecticut River, during the seasons of freshet. Near its south end, however, is an artificial mound, of several acres in area upon which stands the old engine-house, formerly of the Hartford Ice Company which is above the level of high water, in ordinary freshets. This elevation is now being lowered somewhat, and its surplus earth is being used to raise some of the depressions in its vicinity, which, pursuant to the advice of the Messrs. Olmsted are to be brought to a corresponding higher grade. The plans contemplate the deepening of the shoaler parts of the "creek," reforming its margins, and rendering more accessible the water-way connecting the creek with the river. The raising of the grade of the entire area of this part of the North Meadows—if it is to be done at all—is a work which will require several years of time and a large expenditure of money. Meanwhile, without more grading, road-building and retaining wall construction than we have now contracted for—considerable public use is already made of this park, by visitors boating, ball-playing, promenading, etc.; very much as most parks are used.

We have taken the principal measures toward abating the nuisance, occasioned by the drainage from the garbage-grounds (north of the New England Railroad), into the creek above mentioned. We have opened a trench, connecting the culvert under said railroad with the Connecticut River, directly; the drainage

in question first being received into a large basin, below the railroad, and conducted thence, easterly, through a 24 inch pipe of Akron tiles, into the river. Work on the south section of these grounds is expected to be completed before the close of next Fall; the necessary grading (for location of super-structures, etc.) being already far advanced. A re-survey has been made, with exact details and working-plan, for this section; and the highway through it, beneath the railroad, is to be modified, somewhat, as to both line and grade; so as to make the same conform to the ideas of the landscape architects who have planned it. The one dwelling-house remaining on these grounds will stay, presumably, where it is, until removed to a new site, and annexed to other structures, containing toilet-rooms, etc. The low grounds between station and the site of the former ice house of the Hartford Ice Company have been filled up, nearly to the height of the new (and lower) level of the said mound. Some retaining-wall has been built between Water Street and the system of railways; and a brick culvert, connecting Connecticut River with the South end of the creek.

Arrangements for the exchange of lands, with the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Company are being made, and will probably shortly be perfected. When this is done, and some other movements, now in progress, shall have been completed, we shall be enabled to finish the task (already begun) of changing Water Street into a graceful thoroughfare, and of harmoniously treating (as we hope) some adjacent lands in possession of Railroads, Water Commissioners and the Bridge Commissioners.





POPE PARK—CAPITOL AVENUE ENTRANCE.

Pope Park.



On the northern part a highway has been opened by the Street Department of the City. It extends from Capitol Avenue on the north to Park Street on the south, with a branch easterly to Putnam Street. This highway borders the summit on the east side of the grove, adjoining lands formerly of the Watkinson Juvenile Home Farm School and of the Hartford Orphan Asylum. On this section of the Park four (4) lawn tennis courts have been established near Putnam Street. One double and two (2) single arbors have been constructed of oak, and varieties of vines planted to grow over the arbors and make a shade for the benches within the arbors. The surrounding grounds are planted with groves of trees and shrubs. Connecting walks have been built between Putnam Street, Columbia Street, Park Terrace and the new highway. The land along the Park Terrace bordering on the river has been graded and planted and paths have been laid out leading from Capitol Avenue along the river bank and Park Terrace to the tennis courts. To drain this particular section about one mile of tile has been laid through the grove along the river. Considerable filling has been done; catch basins have been built. About all of the area of the grove has received a top dressing of loam and fertilizers, and the whole has been seeded down and rolled. A number of trees have been planted through the grove to replace those that were removed, and by the 1st of June that section of Pope Park between Capitol Avenue and

Park and Putnam Streets and Park River will be completed and opened to the public. Rules and regulations for the use of the tennis courts are being formulated and the public will be given the advantage of the courts. The large part of Pope Park on the south side of Park Street has been somewhat improved by filling in the steep embankment along this street; the work was done under contract. The materials were given by Colonel Pope from his land along Park Street. The whole section, bounded east and south by the new highway and west by the brow of the hill and north by Park Street, has been thoroughly drained. The barns and large buildings on the hill have been sold and will be removed from the grounds very soon.

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POPE PARK — TENNIS COURTS.

South Park.



The area of this Park has been increased by the acquisition of several pieces of property purchased from owners direct and by condemnation suits through the courts. A topographical survey of the lands, south of the city line to Jordan Lane, was made and a new plan is being drawn, by our architects for the Park, embracing this new section. It was the purpose in the beginning, as planned by our landscape architects, Messrs. Olmsted, Eliot and Olmsted, to make the southern boundary of this Park a highway, midway between the city line and Jordan Lane.

A plan was submitted embodying this feature; but after several visits by the architects in company with the Commissioners to this section, it was deemed advisable both for the beauty and extent of the Park and as a matter of economy to acquire the remaining land to Jordan Lane, thus making Jordan Lane the Southern boundary highway of the Park.

The whole area of the Park, after about twenty-three (23) acres of land is acquired by condemnation, will amount to about two hundred acres.

A great many improvements have already been made. About twelve (12) miles of drain tile has been laid and nearly as much more will be required to be laid in order that the lands may be brought into condition for Park purposes. About ten (10) acres of ground will be excavated and made into a lake, which will receive all the water from these many miles of tile drains. Trees

have been cut down, fences removed and the whole aspect of the grounds is beginning to assume a Park like appearance. A comparatively small amount of money will be needed to be expended on this park, as it has great natural beauty.

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ELIZABETH PARK. MAIN HOUSE—APPROACHING THE NURSERIES.

Elizabeth Park.



In the month of July last, the executors of the will of the late Charles M. Pond, formerly delivered to this Board the possession of the land, the gift of the late Charles M. Pond to the City of Hartford, and extensive improvements were immediately begun. The buildings were removed from Asylum Avenue to the Farmstead, already described in the part of Elizabeth Park designated as, "The Nursery and Farmstead." The lower part of the large house formerly occupied by the late Mr. Pond, was renovated, furnished with willow furniture and rugs, and opened to the public. Repairs were made to the pond and a new rustic bridge was constructed. About ten thousand feet of drain tile has been laid. A roadway has been built to the southwest leading to the Nursery grounds; excavations have already been made in part, for a lake to receive the water from low lands lying to the westward, towards the Steel road. A topographical survey was drawn and plans have been submitted for laying out the west and southwest portion of the Park. A roadway was built into the grounds lying east of the avenue affording an extended view of the city from this point. Further work will be done during the coming summer and fall. No acquisition of lands has been made as yet to Elizabeth Park, but a few acres are being negotiated for. The half-tone pictures in this report are mainly views taken from different points of interest and beauty in this Park. Contracts have already been awarded for painting the buildings, and the upper part of the large house is being remodeled and fitted for the home of the Superintendent. The nursery and greenhouses will form one of the principal attractive features of this Park.

Park Ways.



Since our last report there has been but little progress in the matter of establishing the driveways connecting the parks with each other. Surveys and plans have been made, from Park Street along the river, north to Girard Avenue, but at this writing nothing has been decided or adopted with reference thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

WM. DE LOSS LOVE, *President.*

SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Date.	From whom Received.	What Source.	Amounts.
1897.			
May 1	.....	On hand from last year...	489 12
4	City Treasurer	Tax fund, warrant No. 53.	\$2,593 12
7	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rent, Riverside Park. . .	8 00
7	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rent, Pope Park. . .	23 00 - \$2,624 12
June 8	City Treasurer	Tax fund, warrant No. 58.	1,634 73
8	City Treasurer	Bond fund, warrant No. 57	1,686 30
3	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riverside Park.	8 00
	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park.....	38 00
22	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Sale of grass, South Park.	100 00— 3,467 09
July 7	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 59.	1,248 36
7	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 60	995 56
8	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. South Park. . .	15 00
8	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riverside Park.	8 00
8	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park.....	23 00— 2,289 92
Aug. 1	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 61.	2,848 61
1	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 62	1,082 61
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riverside Park	8 00
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. South Park. . .	15 00
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park.....	23 00
1	F. G. Whitmore..	Telephone rebate	1 50
11	Kelley Bros.	Sale of grass, South Park.	35 00— 4,013 72
Sep. 7	City Treasurer . .	Tax fund, warrant No. 65.	2,364 13
7	City Treasurer . .	Bond fund, warrant No. 64	608 42
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park. . .	33 00
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riverside Park.	8 00
1	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. South Park. . .	15 00— 3,018 55
Oct. 4	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 66	506 41
4	City Treasurer . .	Tax fund, warrant No. 67	3,243 68
23	City Treasurer . .	Tax fund, warrant No. 69	1,500 00
4	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 68	1,081 56
4	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park. . .	23 00
4	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riverside Park	16 00
4	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. South Park	24 00— 6,394 65
Nov. 3	City Treasurer . .	Tax fund, warrant No. 70	5,979 26
	City Treasurer . .	Bond fund, warrant No. 71	2,638 09
6	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 72	400 85
18	City Treasurer . .	Eliz. Park fund, war. No. 73	1,420 00
23	City Treasurer . .	Eliz. Park fund, war. No. 76	1,129 25
23	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Pope Park, R & S	38 00
23	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Sale of apples, Eliz. Park	7 44—11,634 39
Dec. 7	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 78	3,110 32
7	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 81.	800 00
7	City Treasurer	Bond fund, warrant No. 79.	2,713 21
18	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 82.	664 59
21	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 84.	830 00
7	City Treasurer . .	Eliz. Park fund, No. 80.	569 85
18	City Treasurer . .	Eliz. Park fund, No. 83...	2,949 87
6	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Rents col. Riv. Pope . . .	41 50
6	Theo. Wirth, Supt.	Sale of grass	15 00—10,994 34

Receipts—Continued.

Date.	From whom Received.	What Source.	Amounts.
1898.			
Jan. 5	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 85.	\$3,182 93
5	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 86	2,069 47
5	City Treasurer....	Eliz. Park fund, war. No. 87	145 50
4	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Rents col. in Parks.	38 00—\$5,435 90
Feb 11	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 93	2,579 13
11	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 91	1,569 81
11	City Treasurer	Eliz. Park fund, No. 92 ..	806 95
7	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Rents col. from Parks....	38 00— 4,993 89
Mar. 8	City Treasurer....	Tax fund, warrant No. 94.	1,347 65
8	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 95	1,952 25
8	City Treasurer ...	Eliz. Park fund, war. No. 96	288 45
	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Rents col. from Parks....	53 00— 3,641 35
Apr. 1	City Treasurer ..	Bond fund, warrant No. 98	294 98
6	City Treasurer ...	Tax fund, warrant No. 99.	1,562 98
6	City Treasurer....	Eliz. P'k fund, war. No. 101	452 52
6	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 100	4,159 83
16	City Treasurer....	Bond fund, warrant No. 102	869 50
6	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Rents col. from Parks ..	47 52
21	Theo. Wirth, Supt	Sale of wood, Pope Park..	146 25— 7,533 58
Total Received			\$66,530 62

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ELIZABETH PARK — GREENHOUSES.

Expenditures.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
1897.				
May 3	Park payroll No. 1.	1	Labor	\$397 20
4	F. G. Whitmore....	2	April salary.	129 17
	Theodore Wirth	4	April salary.	129 00
			(plus exp. \$6.15) ..	181 15
	Hfd City Gas L. Co.	5	Office rent	37 50
	S. N. E. Tel. Co. .	6	Telephone, two....	23 75
	Katharine M'Carthy	7	Typewriting	1 45
	Smith & M'Donough	8	Stationery.....	9 50
	J. M. Thorburn & Co	9	Seeds, etc.....	118 10
5	Trus. of Trinity Col.	10	Ground rent . .	65 88
	John Kilmurry . . .	11	Manure	8 00
	Strickland & Shea .	12	Hitching post ...	1 50
	S. J. Hussey & Co..	13	Paints & Painting.	47 00
	Olds & Whipple... .	14	Lawn roller.....	18 96
	Chas. R. Hart & Co.	15	Shades, two	1 30
	R. Douglas & Sons	16	Evergreen trees... .	23 75
	Hfd Elec. Light Co.	17	Lighting, March..	10 00
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co	18	Oil, etc.....	2 30
	John S. Lane & Son.	19	Broken stone.....	82 43
	J. H. & W. E. Cone	20	Tools & hardware.	7 96
	W. P. Wooley.....	21	Manure.....	40 00
	Sam. Collins & Co. .	22	Setting curb, etc..	32 10
	Fred. W. Chase....	23	Manure.....	7 00
	S. B. Bosworth....	24	Drain tile, etc....	12 86
	Hfd. Lumber Co. . .	25	Lumber	14 58
	H. W. Palmer & Co	26	Cartage, etc	3 35
	Patrick Laragy.	27	Iron castings. . .	1 56
	Capitol City. C. Co.	28	Whip & cover can.	2 97
5	Daniels Mill Co. . .	29	Oats.....	6 50
	Joshua Joel	30	Sharp stones . .	2 50
	S. W. Adams.....	31	Salary, 6 months .	250 00
10	Park payroll No. 2.	32	Labor	320 02
17	Park payroll No. 3..	33	Labor.....	203 76
24	Park payroll No. 4..	34	Labor.....	284 40
31	Park payroll No. 5..	35	Labor.....	267 60
			Expended in May	\$2,626 10
June 7	Park payroll No. 6..	36	Labor	228 21
8	Emma E. Brooks...	37	Typewriting.....	16 25
	L. W. Burt.....	38	Surveying	535 50
	Hfd. City G. L. Co	39	Gas, 3 months....	2 50
	Hfd. City G. L. Co	40	Rent, 1 month	37 50
	Water Com'issioners	41	Water, 6 months..	162 00
	Theo. Wirth	42	Salary (plus ex. \$4)	120 00
	F. G. Whitmore. . .	43	Salary, May.....	129 17
	John D. Stewart...	44	Janitor, 2 months	12 00
	John P. Murphy.	45	Manure	5 00
	Andrews & Peck..	46	Hot beds	27 00
	Katharine M'Carthy	47	Typewriting . . .	55
	Hfd. Elec. L. Co....	48	Lighting, April..	10 00
	Sam. J. Hussey.....	49	Paints & painting.	77 45
	Wolcott & Darby...	50	Surveying	18 45
	J. M. Thorburn & Co.	51	Hoes & weeders..	3 29
9	J. H. & W. E. Cone..	52	Tools & implem'ts	34 96

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amount.
June 9	Trout Brook I. & F.	53	Manure.....	\$24 67
	Tracy & Robinson..	54	Lawn hose.....	42 50
	Plimpton Mfg. Co..	55	Stationery.....	8 10
	Robert Garvie,....	56	Plumbing.....	7 55
	Case, Lockwood & B.	57	Printing reports..	218 75
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co	58	Oil.....	2 50
	Frank F. Schirm....	59	Blacksmithing....	3 70
	Daniels Mill Co. ...	60	Oats.....	13 40
	S. W. Adams.....	61	Stamps.....	2 00
	C. O. Purinton.....	62	Flower pots.....	6 50
	Wm. Cotter.....	63	Garriage hire.....	2 00
	Hfd. Lumber Co. ...	64	Lumber.....	35 19
	Sam. Collins & Co..	65	Flagging, etc....	67 25
14	Park payroll No. 7..	66	Labor.....	213 09
21	Park payroll No. 8.	67	Labor.....	292 39
28	Park payroll No. 9.	68	Labor.....	319 64
			Expended in June	\$2,688 06
July 5	Park payroll No. 10.	69	Labor.....	353 39
7	Theo. Wirth.....	70	Salary (x \$4.15)...	129 15
	Joseph Vidbourne..	71	Exp. to Boston....	7 00
	Edw. Balf Co.....	72	Sand & earth.....	126 83
	F. G. Whitmore....	73	Salary, June.....	129 17
	E. E. Brooks.....	74	Typewriting.....	1 50
	Hfd. Lumber Co. ...	75	Lumber.....	90 26
	G. W. Greggs & Co.	76	Two seated wagon.	75 00
	Hfd. City G. L. Co..	77	Rent, June.....	37 50
	Smith & M'Donough	78	Supplies.....	9 35
	Hfd. Elec. Light Co.	79	Lighting 2 months.	20 00
	Peter Henderson..	80	Barrel & truck....	10 00
	Olmsted & Olmsted.	81	Landscape fees....	28 53
	Olmsted & Olmsted.	82	Landscape fees....	844 75
	Fred C. Stengelin...	83	Sharp. lawn mower	3 00
	Cross & Morley....	84	Insurance.....	7 80
	G. W. Newton & Son	85	Coal, two tons....	12 00
	John W. Dwyer....	86	Joinery in vault..	15 00
	W. & B. Douglas....	87	Spray pump, etc..	11 75
	P. R. Day & Sons...	88	Repairing fence..	20 00
	Hfd. Courant Co....	89	Advertising.....	3 00
	J. H. & W. E. Cone..	90	Hardware, tools....	20 88
	Smith, Bourne & Co.	91	Lawn Boots, etc..	17 50
	Daniels Mill Co.....	92	Oats, etc.....	17 00
8	Brown, Tho'son & Co	93	Cheese cloth.....	1 50
	Henry F. Smith....	94	Recording deeds..	2 95
	C. O. Purinton.....	95	Flower pots.....	2 40
12	Park payroll.....	96	Labor.....	382 79
19	Park payroll.....	97	Labor.....	333 55
26	Park payroll.....	98	Labor.....	356 46
			Expended in July	3,070 01
Aug. 2	Park payroll.....	99	Labor.....	414 96
3	A. W. Budde.....	100	Work on terrace 95	53 66
	S. N. E. Telephone Co	101	Telephones, two...	22 00
	Theo. Wirth.....	102	Salary, (x \$3.80) ..	128 80
	F. G. Whitmore....	103	Janitor, 2 months..	129 17
	John D. Stewart....	104	Rent, July.....	12 00

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amount.
Aug. 4	Hfd City G. L. Co	105	Rent, July	\$37 50
	Wolcott & Darby...	106	Surveying ...	261 51
	Talcott & Frisbie...	107	Soap, oil, etc.....	3 58
	W. W. Huntington	108	Elm tree ...	2 00
	H. W. Palmer.....	109	Cartage	1 59
	Cadwell & Jones ..	110	Hoes, grass seed etc	3 13
	F. C. Stengelin.....	111	Filing saws, etc	1 25
	Goodspeed Bros....	112	Mowing, Eliz. park	17 00
	Blodgett & Clapp...	113	Rep. iron	4 84
	Preston & Kenyon .	114	Sign lettering....	4 50
	H. F. Corning & Co.	115	Bag	2 75
	E. W. Clarke & Son	116	Sea grit	75
	E. C. Bishop & Co..	117	Ladders, etc.....	6 42
	Robert Garvie.....	118	Plumbing.....	98 59
	Jacob Lyons & Sons	119	Charcoal.....	90
	S. B. Bosworth.....	120	Drain pipe.	394 00
	S. B. Bosworth.....	121	Bends, tiling	2 16
	Hfd. Lumber Co....	122	Lumber	17 26
	J. H. & W. E. Cone..	123	Hardware, etc....	11 65
	Hfd. Elec. Light Co.	124	Lighting, July ..	10 00
	Frank F. Schirm...	125	Blacksmithing...	8 00
	Sam. Collins	126	Curbing, etc.....	227 04
	Sam. J. Hussey & Co	127	Paints, etc.....	29 30
	L. W. Burt	128	Surveying	300 00
	Dennis Sullivan....	129	Filing, etc	61 00
	Edw. Balf Co.....	130	Filling, Riv. park	78 87
	Capitol City C. Co..	131	Horse goods.....	95
Aug. 9	Park payroll No. 15.	132	Labor	449 96
	Park payroll No. 16.	133	Labor	413 67
	Park payroll No. 17.	134	Labor	434 39
	Wolcott & Darby...	135	Survey. Eliz. park.	200 00
	Park payroll No. 18.	136	Labor	360 02
Sept. 7			Expended in Aug.	\$4,205 17
	Park payroll No. 19.	137	Labor	372 25
	The Neal, G. & I. Co	138	Furniture.	240 23
	Hfd. City & L. Co.	139	Rent, (x \$1.38 gas).	38 88
	Hfd. Engraving Co.	140	Half tones	67 50
	Sam. J. Hussey & Co	141	Paint supplies	15 65
	Capitol City C. Co .	142	Whip.....	75
	J. M. Thorburn & Co	143	Grass seed	34 52
	E. E. Brooks	144	Typewriting	6 00
	F. G. Whitmore....	145	Salary (x \$6.67)....	131 67
	J. J. Goodwin	146	Print. letter heads.	1 90
	Olds & Whipple....	147	Mow. machine, etc.	15 40
	Pratt & Cady Co..	148	Iron grates.....	13 55
	Daniels Mill Co ..	149	Oats, etc	23 85
	Brown, Tho'son & Co	150	Cotton, etc	1 64
	J. L. White	151	Painting, etc.....	34 50
	Talcott, Frisbie & Co	152	Oil, etc	6 29
	Sam. Collins & Co..	153	Cement, etc	26 75
	J. H. & W. E. Cone	154	Tools, etc.....	16 15
	Robert Garvie	155	Plumbing.	3 89
	Theo. Wirth	156	Salary (x \$6.48)....	131 48

Expenditures Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
	Wolcott & Darby...	157	Surveying	11 89
	Wolcott & Darby...	158	Surveying	19 73
	The Plm'ton Mfg Co	159	Envelopes	7 00
	Frank F. Schirm ..	160	Blacksmithing....	2 30
	Barrett Bros.	161	Rent of pump.....	5 00
	John Coombs.	162	Plants.....	11 00
	Hf'd. Electric L't Co	163	Lighting.....	10 00
	Hf'd Lumber Co ..	164	Lumber	6 38
	Charles L. Snow. ..	165	Plumbing.....	13 51
	George Keller. . .	166	Plans for Pergola..	375 00
	Dennis Sullivan....	167	Filling for river P.	67 50
	The Edw. Balf Co..	168	Filling for river P.	42 24
	K. Goldberg	169	Filling for river P.	19 90
	DeEsopo Brothers..	170	Filling for river P.	70 50
Sept. 10	George H. Griswold	171	Moving buildings	200 00
	Park payroll No. 20.	172	Labor	403 34
20	Park payroll No. 21.	173	Labor	448 59
27	Park payroll No. 22.	174	Labor	408 26
			Expended in Sept.	\$3,304 99
Oct. 4	Park payroll No. 23.	175	Labor	506 41
6	Cadwell & Jones ...	176	Brooms, etc.	5 60
	Samuel J. Hussey..	177	Painters supplies	1 50
	Theodore Wirth ..	178	Salary(x \$4.14 exp.)	129 14
	Denys Zirngiebel...	179	Seeds.	4 00
	T. Sisson & Co.	180	Oil.....	1 50
	E. E. Brooks.	181	Typewriting.....	4 00
	The Pratt & Cady Co	182	Catch basin grate	4 63
	Hfd. City Gas L't Co	183	Rent.....	37 50
	John Stewart.....	184	Janitor, 2 months..	12 00
	The C C Carriage Co	185	Robe, etc.	4 25
	Fred C. Stengelin..	186	Rep. Saw, etc....	2 60
	Woods & Hurley...	187	Printing signs....	2 50
	John H. Jackson ...	188	Drain pipe.....	202 80
	Hfd. St. Spr'ling Co	189	Spr'kling all Parks	175 00
	P. Garvan	190	Stationery	4 34
	Frank J. Knox.....	191	Suction pump.....	57 00
	Case, L. & B. Co ..	192	Printing Reports..	115 10
	W. G. Bradley. . .	193	Printing signs....	75
	John W. Dwyer....	194	Joinery work.....	43 60
	Tracy & Robinson..	195	Tools.....	150 40
	Daniels Mill Co....	196	Oats, etc.....	14 40
	Hf'd Lumber Co....	197	Lumber	5 30
	Frank F. Schirm...	198	Blacksmithing....	3 50
	Smith, Bourn & Co	199	Rep La'n Boots, etc	7 90
	F. G. Whitmore....	200	Salary (x6.42)....	131 42
	W. E. Baker.....	201	Insurance.....	50 00
	Patrick Laragy.....	202	Tools, etc.....	6 28
	The Edw. Balf Co..	203	Filling river Park.	55 57
	John Liltiese	204	Filling river Park.	11 30
	Wolcott & Darby...	205	Surveying	38 50
	Robert Price	206	Filling river Park.	17 10
	Thomas Stafford....	207	Filling river Park.	98 50
	Dennis Sullivan ...	208	Filling river Park.	61 20
	Wolcott & Darby...	209	Surveying	16 06

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
	The Edw. Balf Co.	210	Grading Pope park	850 00
Sept. 11	Park payroll No. 24.	211	Labor	471 34
12	Chas. L. Snow.	212	Plumb., Eliz park	200 00
18	Park payroll No. 25.	213	Labor	500 66
23	James Hagan.....	214	Drainage Pope pk.	760 76
25	Park payroll No. 26.	215	Labor	521 52
Nov. 1	Park payroll No. 27.	216	Labor	463 65
			Expended in Oct.	5,749 58
	2 Hfd. Cy. Gas Lt. Co	217	Rent, one month	37 50
	3 Buell'sb'k Ry. shop.	218	Grate.	49 20
	Chas. B. Green....	219	Messen, cond'm'n.	10 34
	Wolcott & Darby...	220	Surveying	374 00
	Watkinson H. F. S	221	Top soil	231 50
	F. G. Whitmore ..	222	Salary, (x 6.17)....	131 17
	Theo. Wirth	223	Salary, (x 4.75 exp.)	129 75
	S. N. E. Telep'ne Co	224	Telephones, two..	20 25
	Hfd. Electric Lt. Co	225	Lighting, 1 month	10 00
	C. O. Purinton.....	226	Flower pots	13 75
	3 Sam. Collins & Co..	227	Repair. sidewalks	49 00
	4 Sam. Collins & Co.	228	Cement	39 60
	4 The Edw. Balf Co..	229	Filling Pope park.	1,482 54
	4 H. W. Palmer & Co.	230	Cartage	87 69
	4 Lord & Burnham Co	231	Greenhouses.....	2,840 00
	Capitol Cy. Lr. Co	232	Lumber	88 20
	Daniel Mahoney...	233	Filling, River. pk	9 70
	Burr Bros	234	Proposals, adv	8 50
	R. R. Day & Sons..	235	Iron tub., Pope pk.	40 00
	The Even. Post As.	236	Adv. proposals....	5 63
	M. A. Bidwell.....	237	Trees, etc.....	237 50
	J.M. Thorburn & Co	238	Seeds and plants..	34 47
	Central N.E. Br. Ex.	239	Bricks, Eliz. park.	20 25
	John H. Jackson....	240	Tile, South park..	602 40
	The Pratt & Cady Co	241	Catch basin grate.	4 65
	The Pratt & Cady Co	242	Catch basin grate	4 63
	The Hfd. Coura't Co	243	Adv. proposals....	6 00
	Smith & M'Donough	244	Supplies for Sup..	5 90
	J. H. & W.E. Cone.	245	Hardware.....	6 79
	Case, Lockw'd & Br.	246	Bind. park reports	8 50
	Capitol Cy. Car. Co.	247	Back pad.	1 00
	E. E. Brooks	248	Typewriting.....	75
	Hfd. Telegram Co..	249	Adv. proposals....	6 19
	5 E. W. Beardsley....	250	Insurance.....	25 00
	6 James Hagan.....	251	Drain. South park.	400 85
	8 Park payroll No. 28.	252	Labor	385 50
	15 Park payroll No. 29.	253	Labor	348 91
	18 Lord & Burnham Co	254	Greenhouses.....	1,420 00
	22 Park payroll No. 30.	255	Labor	340 81
	23 George H. Griswold	256	Moving building..	586 75
	George H. Griswold	257	Moving building	507 00
	George H. Griswold	258	Moving building..	18 00
	George H. Griswold	259	Moving building	17 50
	George H. Griswold	260	Moving building..	20 00
	29 Park payroll No. 31.	261	Labor	467 33
			Expended in Nov.	11,155 00

Expenditures Continued.

Date	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
Dec. 6	Park payroll, No. 32	262	Labor	606 26
Dec. 7	The C. C. Lumber Co	263	Lumber	21 96
	The Hfd. Lumber Co	264	Lumber	71 52
	H. W. Palmer & Co	265	Cartage	97 75
	Porteus Brothers. .	266	Rep. House, Eliz. P.	10 78
	Frank J. Knox . . .	267	Globe valves.	1 96
	George A. Conant..	268	Appraisers Report	1 00
	John H. Jackson..	269	Tile, South Park.	682 56
	Theodore Wirth ...	270	Salary (x17.54 exp	142 54
	Frank J. Schirm ...	271	Blacksmithing	25 35
	H. H. Berger & Co.	272	Plants.	15 00
	The Pratt & Cady Co	273	Catch basin, etc.	9 35
	Case, L. & B. Co. . .	274	Map on cloth.	40
	Sam'l J. Hussey & Co	275	Paints, etc.	5 80
	Hfd Electric L't Co	276	Lighting, 1 month	10 00
	A. W. Budde.	277	Masonry work. . .	65 00
	Brown, Thom'n & Co	278	Burlaps	19 36
	Peter McPhee	279	Trees, etc.	70 15
	John D. Stewart. . .	280	Janitor, 2 months	12 00
	Daniels Mill Co	281	Oats, etc., 2 months	30 05
	The Pratt & Cady Co	282	Catch basin, etc. .	28 33
	F. G. Whitmore. . . .	283	Salary (x6.67) . . .	131 67
	Blodget & Clapp Co.	284	Ro. Iron	5 73
	O'Neil & Walsh . . .	285	Filling river Park.	37 40
	George H. Day	286	Filling Pope Park.	150 00
	Woods & Hurley. . .	287	Printing.	1 25
	Central N.E. Br. Ex.	288	Bricks Bus'n'll P'k	47 25
	E. E. Brooks	289	Typewriting	25
	Evening Post Asso .	290	Adv. for bids. . . .	2 53
	Hfd. Coal Co.	291	Coal.	149 49
	Hfd City Gas L't Co	292	Rent (x1.88, gas)	39 38
	S. B. Bosworth . . .	293	Tile	470 50
	Bruce Filley & Co.	294	Burlaps.	1 50
	E. G. Dodge	295	Rep. furnace, Sup h	3 60
	Mrs. James Wall. . .	296	Trees for Sig. Sq'e	15 00
	J. H. Eckhard & Co	297	Frame	3 00
	Tracy & Robinson. .	298	Hardware, etc. . . .	14 23
	Robert Garvie.	299	Plumbing	50
	W. E. Wallace.	300	Roses	9 75
	Wm. F. O'Neil. . . .	301	Mason work.	101 62
	Samuel Collins & Co	302	Cement, etc.	132 93
	Edw. Balf Co.	303	Cartage, etc.	395 46
	Water Com'issioners	304	Water rent	233 50
	Francis H. Parker. .	305	Appraisers of Cond	85 00
	E. M. Evans	306	Stenographer	156 00
	C. W. Cowles	307	Appraisers of Cond	75 00
	W. E. Goodwin . . .	308	Appraisers of Cond	75 00
	H. W. Conklin.	309	Witness of Cond. .	25 00
	Wm. H. Scoville . .	310	Witness of Cond. .	10 00
Dec. 9	J. S. Chase, Sec'y. .	311	Water rent.	5 00
Dec. 13	Park payroll, No 33.	312	Labor	408 03
Dec. 16	A. W. Budde	313	Mason w'k on arch	800 00
Dec. 18	James Hagan.	314	Drainage work . . .	720 89
Dec. 20	Park payroll, No. 34	315	Labor	259 74

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
Dec. 21	Lord & Burnham Co.	316	Greenh's, Eliz. pk.	\$2,893 57
22	Michael Sheedy....	317	Mason work.....	830 00
27	Park payroll No. 35.	318	Labor	372 85
1898.			Expended in Dec.	\$10,589 74
Jan. 3	Park payroll No. 36.	319	Labor	479 26
4	L. W. Burt	320	Survey. and plan..	375 15
5	Chas. L. Snow.....	321	Plumb. Eliz. park	203 54
	Chas. B. Green.....	322	Mess. for cond'm'n	3 84
	Theo. Wirth	323	Salary, (x 7.95)....	132 95
7	Olmsted Brothers...	324	Sur., advi'e & plan	712 15
	E. G. Woodhouse...	325	Witness cond'm'n.	25 00
	F. G. Whitmore....	326	Salary, (x 5.67 exp.)	130 67
	Hfd. Cy. Gas Lt. Co.	327	Rent, one month .	37 50
8	Michael O'Neil....	328	Drainage work....	340 17
	Tracy & Robinson .	329	Tools & implem'ts.	16 78
	The Pratt & Cady Co	330	Catch basin & etc.	8 16
	Burr Brothers	331	Advertising.....	2 25
	S. B. Bosworth.....	332	Drain pipe.....	36 48
	Schleget & Fottler	333	Plants.....	3 45
	Knauth, Nachod & K	334	Plants.....	116 98
	E. C. Bishop & Co .	335	Ladders	5 25
	W.F. Whitmore, agt.	336	Mantle & chimney	65
	Hfd. Telegram Co..	337	Adv. proposal....	2 53
	Sam. Collins & Co	338	Curb & catch basin	418 60
	Hfd. Courant Co...	339	Adv. proposal....	2 25
	C. O. Purinton.....	340	Flower pots	21 32
	Edward Shelton	341	Witness cond'm'n.	25 00
	Neal, Goff & In'lis Co	342	Shades, six.....	5 70
	Thomas Stafford...	343	Filling, River. pk.	2 75
	Frank F. Schirm...	344	Blacksmithing....	18 55
	H. E. Billings.....	345	Curb & gutter sett.	492 49
	Brown, Tho'son & Co	346	Burlaps.	62 19
	Gershom Smith.....	347	Labor on books...	53 80
	Roger W. Sherman	348	Witness cond'm'n.	20 00
	Fred C. Stengelin..	349	Keys, etc.....	1 05
	Chas. A. Relyea....	350	Tickets 10,000....	19 75
	Sam. J. Hussey & Co	351	Paint & supplies..	2 69
	Smith, Bourne & Co	352	Rep. saddle & etc.	2 80
	H. W. Palmer.....	353	Cartage	3 75
	Robert Garvie	354	Plumbing.....	35 00
	Case, Lockw'od & Co	355	Print. posters, etc .	3 75
	Hfd. Electric Lt. Co.	356	Lighting, 2 months	20 00
	The Edw. Balf Co..	357	Filling & cartage .	405 82
	A. W. Budde	358	W'k. on Mem. Ar'h	126 24
10	Park payroll No. 37	359	Labor	469 89
17	Park payroll No. 38.	360	Labor	376 14
24	Park payroll No. 39.	361	Labor	405 11
31	Park Payroll No. 40.	362	Labor	295 11
			Expended in Jan.	5,922 51
Feb. 7	Park payroll No. 41.	363	Labor	317 20
8	Theo. Wirth	364	Salary, (x 12.15)...	137 15
10	Chas. L. Snow.....	365	Plumbing.....	126 00
14	John D. Stewart	366	Janitor, 2 months..	12 00
	Hfd. Cy. Gas Lt. Co.	367	Rent	37 50

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
Feb. 14	Cedar Hill Cemetery	368	Use of horse & cart	21 50
	Park payroll No. 42.	369	Labor	241 43
	Hartford Coal Co...	370	Coal.	11 50
	George F. Orguelt...	371	Exp. to Stamford	6 55
	Sam. J. Hussey & Co	372	Paints & supplies	10 30
	Hfd. Lumber Co....	373	Lumber	69 27
	Sam. Collins & Co.	374	Cement	11 55
	Daniels Mill Co	375	Oats, etc.....	22 20
	Edwin J. Smith....	376	Serv. sum'ns cond.	15 28
	Tracy & Robinson..	377	Hardware	47 10
	Woods & Hurley	378	Printing.	3 75
	Capitol Cy. L'm'r Co	379	Lumber	3 76
	Frank F. Schirm	380	Blacksmithing	15 00
	Case, Lockw'd & Br.	381	Blue print.....	75
	J.M. Thorburn & Co	382	Seeds.....	10 40
	Wm. F. O'Neil....	383	Mason work....	15 58
	Hfd. Electric Lt. Co	384	Lighting	10 00
	T. Sisson & Co....	385	Oil & sponge ..	5 10
	Chas. R. Hart & Co.	386	Mat & oil cloth..	1 45
	E. C. Bishop & Co	387	Ladder	3 91
	Olds & Whipple....	388	Curb pump.....	8 00
	J. H. & W.E. Cone.	389	Hardware	9 50
	Cross & Morley....	390	Insurance.....	55 00
	Smith & M'Donough	391	Time book, etc ..	3 35
	The Pratt & Cady Co	392	Catch basin.....	4 63
	Bruce & Filley....	393	Table	4 00
	F. G. Whitmore....	394	Salary, (x 10.62)...	135 62
	Ernest Hansen.....	395	Filing saws	4 00
	Andrus & Herman	396	Netting.....	5 25
	Stoddard & Caulkins	397	Rep. hou. bn., etc.	646 30
	Edward Balf Co....	398	Filling & grading	1,482 64
Feb. 21	Park payroll No. 43.	399	Labor	253 70
	28 Park payroll No. 44.	400	Labor	230 82
Expended in Feb.				\$3,999 04
Mar	7 Park payroll No. 45.	401	Labor	384 96
	8 Chas. L. Snow.....	402	Plumbing	11 50
	Hfd. Electric Lt. Co.	403	Lighting	10 00
	C. O. Baldwin	404	Rub'er st'ps. & pad	1 30
	Frank F. Schirm	405	Blacksmithing....	63 00
	Wolcott & Darby...	406	Prints, Eliz. park..	6 60
	Henry A. Dreer....	407	Plants.....	4 25
	H. W. Palmer	408	Cartage.	2 10
	Sam. J. Hussey....	409	Paints, glass	4 25
	Hfd. Cy. Gas Lt. Co.	410	Rent, (x 2.38)	39 88
	F. G. Whitmore....	411	Salary, (x 4.92)	129 92
	Ernest Hansen.....	412	Filing saws	4 05
	P. Garvin	413	Blotting, 30 sheets.	1 50
	Daniels Mill Co.	414	Oats, etc.....	15 60
	Tracy & Robinson..	415	Hardware	7 09
	J. M. Thorburn	416	Seeds	95
	Brown, Tho'son & Co	417	Cotton.	2 46
	The Edw. Balf Co...	418	Ashes, 2 loads....	4 50
	Sherman W. Adams	419	Salary, 6 months ..	250 00
	Capitol Cy. Car. Co.	420	Antic rattlers	40

Expenditures—Continued.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	V'cher No.	For What Purpose.	Amounts.
	Theo. Wirth.	421	Salary, (x exp. 4 30),	\$129 30
	Sam. Collins & Co. .	422	Curb and gutter...	44 80
	Fred C. Stengelin..	423	Filing saws	2 65
	S.N.E. Teleph'ne Co	424	Telephones, two.	20 25
Mar. 14	Park payroll No. 46.	425	Labor	418 16
21	Park payroll No. 47.	426	Labor	469 65
28	Park payroll No. 48.	427	Labor	528 61
29	P. O'Riordan.....	428	Cartage of guns ..	25 00
	Thos. Butler & Co. .	429	Wood. carriages, 2, Expended in Mar.	20 00 \$2,602 73
April 2	James Hagan.....	430	Drainage work...	294 98
4	Park payroll No. 49.	431	Labor	638 42
5	Theo. Wirth.....	432	Salary, (x 7.25 exp.)	132 25
6	T. Sisson & Co. . .	433	Oil, etc	46 66
	John H. Jackson....	434	Drain tile....	589 68
	Daniels Mill Co . .	435	Oats..	16 00
	F. G. Whitmore ..	436	Sal ,x 167.40 & exp. commission.....	301 40
	J. H. Eckhardt Co .	437	Brush, etc	1 41
	M. W. Sherman & Co	438	Filling	82 54
	Smith, Bourne Co..	439	Harness supplies..	8 05
	C. B. Vorce	440	Surveying	250 00
	Henry Cowlshaw..	441	Key	20
	Sam. J. Hussey & Co	442	Paint	3 75
	Egbert J. Thrall....	443	Plants	5 00
	J. M. Thorburn ..	444	Plants.....	2 70
	J. L. White.	445	Painting cottage	72 03
	John D. Stewart	446	Janitor, 2 months..	12 00
	Pitkin & Harlow..	447	Rubber bands....	1 25
	Hfd. Cy. Gas Lt. Co	448	Rent	37 50
	C.D. Ch'mb'n & S'ns	449	Grass seed.....	60 43
	Hfd. Wire Works	450	Wire, ten courts.	9 60
	Cadwell & Jones .	451	Grass seed	81 15
	H. W. Palmer & Co.	452	Cartage	44 50
	Hfd. Courant Co. .	453	Adv. barn for sale.	50
	Wm. Rogers Mfg. Co	454	Repair. 2 badges..	60
	Hfd. Electric Lt. Co	455	Lighting	10 00
	Hung'f'd, H., J. & G.	456	Deed	50 00
	Ernest Hansen.....	457	Repairing saws....	5 80
	Hatch & Nor. Cl. Co	458	Coal	109 25
	Frank F. Schirm...	459	Blacksmithing ..	18 00
	Postal Tel. Cable Co	460	Telegrams.....	89
	Brown, Tho'son & Co	461	Burlaps.	94 27
	Edward Balf Co....	462	Grading & filling	1,161 59
	Park payroll No. 50.	463	Labor	514 85
16	James Hagan....	464	Drainage work...	700 00
18	Park payroll No. 51.	465	Labor	781 17
21	James Hagan	466	Drainage work....	169 50
25	Park payroll No. 52.	467	Labor	1,008 02
30	James Hagan.....	468	Drainage work....	583 53
	Park payroll No. 52	469	Labor	672 28
			Expended in Apr.	\$8,571 72
Expended for the 12 months.....				\$64,483 65
On hand to balance.....				2,045 97
Total received				\$66,530 62

The balance on hand of \$2,045 97 is made up as follows :

Credit, Tax Fund	\$1,021 94
Credit, Bond Fund	854 77
Elizabeth Park Fund	169 26
Total	<u>\$2,045 97</u>

HARTFORD, CONN., May 17, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, and vouchers of the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners and find same correct.

CHAS. H. ROBINS,
City Auditor.

TRIAL BALANCE APRIL 30, 1898.

1	Cash	\$2,045 97	
4	City Treasurer, Tax Fund,	10,112 66	
6	City Treasurer, Bond Fund,	171,895 53	
8	Tax Fund,		\$ 11,134 60
12	Bond Fund,		172,750 30
18	City Treasurer, Elizabeth Park Fund, .	1,689 03	
26	Elizabeth Park Fund account, . . .		1,858 29
71	Office Furniture and supplies. . . .	425 58	
77	Total Disbursements,		200,939 83
80	Salaries,	355,000 00	
83	Supplies,	510 92	
86	General Expense,	2,302 09	
89	Tool House,	226 67	
90	Machine Tools and Implements, . . .	2,765 78	
94	Repair Machine Tools and Implements, .	658 30	
98	Compost,	259 01	
100	Bushnell Park,	13,558 04	
105	House of Comfort,	1,191 87	
111	Pope Park,	45,664 56	
115	Nursery,	3,711 15	
120	Riverside Park,	55,127 02	
130	South Park,	44,027 91	
135	South Green,	6,693 01	
140	Tunnel Park,	289 01	
142	Sigourney Square,	724 92	
144	Buckingham Square,	97 47	
146	Lafayette Square,	260 78	
148	Franklin Square,	117 63	
149	Village Square,	245 51	
154	Maple Avenue,	6 13	
158	Elizabeth Park,	18,178 41	
163	Parkways,	347 46	
		<u>\$386,683 02</u>	<u>—\$386,683 02</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING THIS DAY, APRIL
30, 1898.*Resources.*

Cash (in bank),	\$2,045 97
City Treas., Tax Fund account,	10,112 66
City Treas., Bond Fund account,	171,895 53
City Treas., Elizabeth Park Fund account, .	1,689 03
Inventory,	186,929 18—\$372,672 37

Liabilities.

Tax Fund,	11,134 60
Bond Fund,	172,750 30
Elizabeth Park Fund,	1,858 29
Total Disbursement account,	\$186,929 18—\$372,672 37

Inventory.

Office furniture and supplies,	\$425 58
Machinery, tools and implements,	2,747 40
Supplies,	500 00
Compost,	325 00
Nursery,	7,820 45
Tool house,	171 61
Bushnell Park,	7,391 77
Pope Park, new lands and commissions,	\$29,282 00
improvements,	15,067 14— 44,949 14
Riverside Park, new lands,	48,641 25
improvements,	6,125 63— 54,766 88
South Park, new lands and commission,	34,423 92
improvements,	9,292 38— 43,716 30
South Green improvements,	5,943 14
Sigourney Square improvements,	317 27
Buckingham Square improvements,	23 00
Lafayette Square improvements,	141 42
Franklin Square improvements,	22 00
Village Square improvements,	173 71
Elizabeth Park improvements,	17,147 05
Parkways improvements,	347 46
	<hr/> \$186,929 18

THE TAX FUND (accruing from the 5-mill assessment.)

Cash balance on hand May 1, 1897, as per report.

In City Treasury,	\$3,521 10
In Bank,	2,175 48

The City Treasurer received from the Collector and deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of this Board during the year ending April 30, 1898,

27,790 62

Incidental receipts, rentals, etc., during year ending April 30, 1898,

542 96—\$34,030 16

Expenditures from Tax Fund during year ending April 30, 1898,

22,895 56

Balance on hand to credit of Tax Fund,

11,134 60—\$34,030 16

THE BOND FUND (accruing from sale of Park Improvement Bonds).

Cash balance May 1, 1897, as per report,	\$52,729 85
Proceeds from sale of 150 Bonds,	159,793 50
Accrued interest,	1,119 55
Incidental receipts, (sale of wood and grass),	296 25—\$213,939 15

Expenditures from Bond Fund during year ending April 30, 1898.

New lands,	\$15,324 00
Improvements, Pope, Riverside and South Parks and Parkways,	25,864 85
Balance on hand to credit of Bond Fund,	172,750 30—\$213,939 15
The Elizabeth Park Fund (accruing from property, stocks and bonds turned over to the City of Hartford as a gift from the late Charles M. Pond), total value of which is approxi- mately,	107,754 00
Cash turned over to City Treasurer by Hartford Trust Co., Trustees,	6,671 00
Dividends,	2,586 48
Sale of stocks,	10,779 22
Incidental receipts (sale of apples, Elizabeth Park),	21 50— \$20,058 20

Expenditures from Elizabeth Park Fund to April 30, 1898.

Improvements Elizabeth Park,	\$17,147 05
Maintenance Elizabeth Park,	1,052 85
Balance on hand to credit of Elizabeth Park Fund,	1,858 29— \$20,058 20

	Bushnell Park.	Pope Park.	Riverside Park.	South Park.	South Green.	Tunnel Park.	Buckingham Square.
New Roadways.....	\$425 83	\$74 11	\$2 38	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Sidewalks.....	15 43	1,132 76	1 50	\$1 08	\$1 52	\$138 14	.....
Grading and Filling.....	19 32	6,310 80	2,441 29	3 04	.....	.....	.....
Plantations.....	58 68	656 77	16 67	.....	2 82	.....	.....
Drainage.	262 53	1,629 82	1,722 21	5,074 68	.....	.....	.....
Seeding and Turfing.....	2 02	396 42	.....	.....	1 52	4 02	.....
Surveying.....	.....	1,211 88	793 35	1,756 72	.....	.....	.....
General expenses.....	8 12	952 28	129 17	153 66	.....	.....	.....
New Lands .....	.....	5,000 00	.....	10,916 82	.....	.....	.....
Commissions .....	.....	10 00	.....	152 48	.....	.....	.....
Pruning and Trimming Trees.....	.....	723 50	7 51	623 60	.....	.....	.....
Machinery, Tools and Imp....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$791 93	\$18,098 34	\$5,114 08	\$18,681 08	\$5 86	\$142 16	.....
Sweeping Sidewalks.....	\$537 88	5 30	\$1 52	\$35 72	\$65 44	\$8 96	\$1 53
Snow Cleaning Sidewalks....	264 91	9 36	.....	.....	43 99	18 55	13 20
Repairs, Sidewalks	39 01	51 58	.....	.....	60 76	6 64	.....
Mowing Lawns	964 17	61 36	25 33	118 22	111 47	30 81	25 62
Seeding and Turfing Lawns..	218 93	2 48	.....	3 70	93 35	50 15	.....
Flowers and Flower Beds	148 91	5 46	.....	7 60	25 08	.....	.....
Trees and Shrubs.....	570 50	109 49	4 39	90 04	111 06	4 30	2 08
Labor and General Expenses.	2,721 99	301 84	343 90	168 27	88 72	25 52	32 04
Supplies.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roadway Repairs.....	529 22	4 80	23 06	1 92
Total	\$6,036 27	\$551 67	\$375 14	\$446 61	\$599 87	\$146 85	\$74 47

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**LIST OF LANDS PURCHASED FOR PARK PURPOSES, AND PAID
FOR OUT OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF BONDS:**

		Prior to May 1, 1896.	May 1, 1896, to May 1, 1897.	To May 1st 1898.
Pope Park.	\$1,250 00 700 00 800 00 5,000 00 10,000 00 900 00 2,300 00 2,700 00 450 00	\$ 2,750 00	\$21,350 00	\$5,000 00
Total.....	\$29,100 00			
Riverside Park.	\$25,000 00 1,810 00 2,500 00 1,500 00 3,500 00 1,250 00 6,500 00 6,581 25	\$29,310 00	\$19,331 25	.....
Total.....	\$48,641 25			
South Park.	\$7,520 00 3,000 00 1,999 99 2,166 00 9,000 00	\$12,519 99	\$11,166 60	\$1,700 00 5,624 00 3,000 00
Total.....	\$34,010 59			

Total paid for lands (all parks), to May 1st, 1898.....\$111,751 84

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ELIZABETH PARK — LOOKING SOUTHWEST FROM THE MAIN HOUSE.

APPENDIX A.

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly:

SECTION 1. That the public parks of the city of Hartford, now in existence, and those which may hereafter be established, whether within or without the corporate limits of said city, together with all park property which may be acquired, shall be under the management, care and control of a board under the name and style of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said Board shall consist of ten persons to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and the mayor of the city, who shall be *ex officio* a member of said Board. Five members of this Board shall be the Park Commissioners of the present commission, who shall serve out the term of office to which they have hitherto been appointed. These five Commissioners, with the mayor of the city, shall, on or before the first day of May, 1895, by a majority vote, appoint five other members of said Board with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, and whose several terms of office shall begin at the date of their appointment; the first to serve for a term of six years, the second for a term of seven years, the third to serve for a term of eight years, the fourth to serve for a term of nine years, the fifth to serve for a term of ten years, and until their successors in office have been appointed and qualified. At the expiration of the term of office of each of the aforesaid ten commissioners, his successor in office shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board, by and with the consent and advice of the board of aldermen, to serve for a term of ten years, and until his successor in office has been appointed and qualified. But any member of said Board who shall be hereafter appointed to serve for the full term of ten years shall not, at the expiration of such full term, be eligible for reappointment to succeed himself. Any vacancy which may occur, through death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the commission and the approval of the board of aldermen. No compensation for services on said commission shall be allowed to any member thereof, except to the secretary. Each commissioner, however, shall be

entitled to receive his actual disbursements for necessary expenses in the performance of any duty imposed upon him by the direction of the said Board of Commissioners. The office of any one of the said Park Commissioners who shall not attend the meetings of the Board for three successive months, after having been duly notified of such meetings, without reason therefor satisfactory to said Board, or without leave of absence from said Board, shall by said Board be declared vacant ; and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 2. The said Board of Park Commissioners shall annually, in May, choose one of their number to be president of the Board, and another as vice-president ; and the said Board shall elect a secretary, who, in the discretion of the Board, may be one of their own number, at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum ; but the said salary, and all other expenses of the commission, shall be paid out of the annual appropriation. At all meetings, except such as are especially called for the appointment of a commissioner, six shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At no meeting shall it be proper to proceed to the appointment of a new commissioner unless the mayor of the city be present ; and at all meetings called for this purpose the mayor shall preside and certify to the appointment before it be transmitted to the board of aldermen for their consent. The said Board of Park Commissioners shall have full and exclusive power to make rules and by-laws for the orderly transaction of their business. The Board shall keep an accurate record and books of account, and shall annually transmit to the court of common council a full and detailed report and statement of all its acts and doings, together with a complete and itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. The books of account and records of the Board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the mayor, and subject to an annual audit by the proper municipal officer. It shall be the duty of the mayor, or other proper municipal officer, to assign a suitable and convenient office, in some public building, to the use of the Board of Park Commissioners, with proper vault or safe for the protection of their books and papers ; and until such office is provided, to the satisfaction of said Board, they are hereby authorized to rent an office at an expense of not more than fifty dollars per month. Said Board shall have power to appoint or employ such superintendents, engineers, architects, and other officers and employes as it may deem necessary, and shall prescribe and define their respective duties, powers, and authority,

and shall fix and regulate the compensation to be paid to the several persons so employed.

SEC. 3. The Board constituted as aforesaid shall have the care, management, and control of all parks and grounds used for park purposes, all boulevards, connecting parks and structures thereon, and park-ways, now or hereafter owned by or in the control of the city of Hartford, within or without the corporate limits of the city, and may give proper designating names thereto. The Board shall have power to acquire, and the city of Hartford to hold, property, whether within or without the corporate limits of said city, for the purpose of establishing public parks and public squares, or the enlarging of existing parks, or for boulevards, connecting parks, or park-ways, by condemnation, or by contract for the same ; to accept conveyances thereof ; to receive gifts, donations, or devices of land or other property for park purposes ; to lay out and to improve with walks, drives, and roads, to build necessary culverts and bridges, to drain, plant, and otherwise at their discretion to improve and adorn the parks and other park property thus held or acquired by said board ; to erect such buildings as may be needed for the purposes of administration, or for the use, protection, and refreshment of the public ; *provided, however*, that in no case shall any expenditure be made in excess of the amount previously appropriated. The said Board shall have power to make and alter, from time to time, all needful rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety, and decency in said parks, both within and without the limits of the city, and to affix penalties for disobedience thereto ; which rules and regulations shall have the force of ordinances of the city of Hartford ; *provided*, that no such rule or regulation shall be of any effect unless it shall have been first approved by the board of aldermen, and then published in full in one or more of the daily newspapers published in Hartford, and also printed and posted in conspicuous places within the limits of the property to which such regulation is intended to apply. For the purpose of enforcing such rules and regulations, all such parks and property, whether within or without the limits of said city, are hereby placed under the police jurisdiction of the city of Hartford ; and complaints for the violation of such regulations may be made by the prosecuting attorney to the police court of said city. Any member of the police department may arrest, without warrant, in any of such parks or places, whether within or without the limits of the city of Hartford, any person who has broken any park rule, or committed any other offense in said

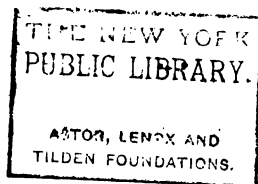
park ; and the police court of Hartford shall have jurisdiction of all misdemeanors committed within the limits of said parks.

SEC. 4. The said Board of Commissioners shall have sole power to determine the places in said parks and park-ways, and in other property under their control, where sewers, gas, and water pipes shall be laid ; and no trench, for these purposes, shall be opened until the Commissioners shall have designated the location of the same, and given permission in writing. No telegraph, telephone, or electric light wires, or other wires, or posts or supports therefor, shall be erected in, upon, through, or over said parks or park-ways, without the consent in writing of said Board, who shall designate the place and the manner of erecting and maintaining the same, to be altered at such time and in such manner, and under such conditions as the said Board may deem best.

SEC. 5. All real and personal estate of the city, used for park purposes, within the limits of any other town, shall be exempted from taxation.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of providing necessary funds for the purchase or improvement of lands for park property, and for such other purposes as are herein provided for, the city of Hartford is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, payable in not more than fifty years from their dates, and bearing interest not exceeding four per centum, per annum, payable semi-annually in such manner and form as shall be determined by the mayor and the court of common council of said city. And within thirty days after the passage of this act, the mayor of said city shall submit to the qualified electors of the city the proposition to issue the bonds of the city to the amount aforesaid, the proceeds of the sale of which shall be exclusively applied, under the direction and at the discretion of the Board of Park Commissioners, to the acquisition, layout, and improvement of land for public parks, park-ways, or boulevards established as approaches to, or for the purpose of connecting parks, and for the other purposes set forth in section three ; but the said Board shall make no expenditure of said proceeds, or contract of expenditure thereof, involving liability to the city of Hartford exceeding the amount of the bonds thus issued. Such election shall be conducted, and the result determined, as in other city elections.

SEC. 7 For the purpose of providing necessary funds for the care and improvement of park property, and to meet the expenses of the Board of Park Commissioners, the court of common council





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of the city shall, in each year, levy and cause to be collected a tax of not less than five cents upon each one hundred dollars of value of all the property within the city taxable for municipal purposes. All moneys collected and arising from the said tax shall be paid by the tax collector, or other officer collecting the same, into the treasury of the city and shall be deemed, thereupon, appropriated and set apart for the maintenance, preservation, and improvement of said parks and grounds ; and shall be paid out by the city treasurer upon warrants signed by at least three members of the said Board of Park Commissioners.

SEC. 8. The said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to connect any public park under its control with any other park over which it has jurisdiction, by a boulevard or park-way ; and whenever, in their judgment, necessary, they may designate, as such, any existing highway, or parts thereof, which shall thereupon be deemed a part of said park-way ; but the same shall remain under the control of the city authorities now having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 9. The term "park property" includes all parks, squares, and areas of land within the management of said board ; and all buildings, structures, improvements, seats, benches, fountains boats, floats, walks, drives, roads, trees, plants, herbages, flowers, and other things thereon, and enclosures of the same ; and all shade trees on streets or thoroughfares, resting places, watering stations, play grounds, parade grounds, or the like ; and all connecting park-ways and roads or drives between parks ; and all avenues, roads, ways, drives, walks, with all trees, shrubbery, vines, flowers, and ornaments of any description ; and all birds, animals, or curiosities, or objects of interest or instruction, and all tools and implements placed in or on any of such inclosures, ways, park-ways, roads, or places ; and said included terms shall be liberally construed.

SEC. 10. No member of said Board of Park Commissioners shall be concerned in any contract with the said Board, or any of its departments or institutions, either as contractor, sub-contractor, bondsman, or party directly or indirectly interested. If any member of the Board be the owner of, or interested in, any property necessary, in the opinion of a majority of the other members of the board, to be taken for park purposes, then proceedings shall be by condemnation, and such facts of ownership and interest shall be fully set forth in the petition.

SEC. 11. The Board shall not be compelled to accept any gift

or offer of land which, in its judgment, is unsuited to park purposes, or the improvement of which would entail an injudicious outlay.

SEC. 12. The said Board shall, at its discretion, have power to lease any buildings or land not needed for immediate improvement, for a term not to exceed three years ; the proceeds to be paid into the city treasury, and to be placed at the disposal of the said Board as an addition to the annual appropriation.

SEC. 13. Real and personal property may be granted, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to the said city, for the purpose of the improvement or ornamentation of said parks or approaches, or for the establishment or maintenance therein of museums, zoological or other gardens, collections of natural history, observatories, monuments, statues, fountains, or other works of art, upon such trusts and conditions as may be prescribed by the grantors or devisors thereof, and accepted by the common council of said city. All property so devised, granted, bequeathed or conveyed, and the rents, issues, profits, and income thereof, shall be subject to the exclusive management, direction, and control of the said Board of Park Commissioners.

SEC. 14. The said Park Commission, on behalf of the city of Hartford, shall have power to take, by condemnation, land for park or park-way purposes ; and if the said Park Commission cannot, for any cause, agree with the owner or owners of any land which they shall decide to take for public park purposes, whether within or without the limits of the city of Hartford, as to the compensation to be paid therefor, the damages which will accrue to such owner or owners by such purchase and the compensation to be paid for such lands in view thereof, shall be estimated and determined by three appraisers, to be appointed by the superior court of Hartford county, or any judge thereof, on application of said Park Commissioners, after reasonable notice of such application shall have been given to such owner or owners. Said appraisers shall notify all parties in interest of the time and place of hearing, and shall make return in writing of their appraisal and award to the clerk of the superior court, who shall record the same ; and the amount of such award shall be paid by said Park Commission within sixty days after the filing of such award, or, in case of an appeal, after the final award in the premises, out of any funds at their disposal, other than the annual appropriation, to the person or persons entitled thereto, or deposited to the order of such person or persons with the treasurer of the city of Hartford. But either party may, within sixty days, appeal to the superior

court, or any judge thereof, to set aside such award, and to order a re-hearing for irregularity or improper conduct connected with such hearing and appraisal.

The fees of the appraisers and of the clerk shall be paid by the Park Commission from the funds aforesaid ; and the lands embraced in the application shall not be occupied by the Park Commission, nor sequestered for park purposes, until the compensation therefor as finally awarded or agreed upon shall have been paid to the person or persons entitled thereto, or received to his or their satisfaction, or deposited with the treasurer of the city of Hartford to his or their use.

All the owners of different tracts of land which are contiguous or which are to be included in the same park may be joined in the same application if convenient, and the court or judge may appoint a single board of appraisers to determine and award the compensation to be paid to the owners of each tract in the same report of their findings.

SEC. 15. The bonds authorized in the first section of this act shall be prepared by the city treasurer of Hartford, and shall be issued by him, from time to time, in such amounts as the Park Commission shall require. Such bonds shall in no case be sold or disposed of for less than par, and the avails of such as shall be issued shall be kept by the city treasurer as a special fund, subject to the order of the Park Commission, and shall be paid by him only on such orders.

SEC. 16. So much of the charter of the city of Hartford as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed ; and the provisions of this act, so far as they apply to the powers of said city and its officers, shall be regarded as an amendment of said city charter.

Approved, March 21, 1895.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

JANUARY SESSION, 1895.

RESOLUTION AMENDING "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD," APPROVED MARCH 21, 1895.

Resolved by this Assembly :

SECTION 1. The resolution hitherto passed by this General Assembly, amending the charter of the city of Hartford, and ap-

proved March 21, 1895, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first section of said resolution the following clause, to wit: "Upon the expiration of the term of office of that member of the Board of Park Commissioners whose term expires in April, 1895, the remaining commissioners with the mayor of the city may appoint his successor in office, by and with the consent and advice of the board of aldermen, to serve for the term of five years and until his successor in office has been appointed and qualified."

SEC. 2. Section 15 of said resolution is hereby amended by substituting the word "sixth" for the word "first" in the first line of said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"SEC. 15. The bonds authorized in the sixth section of this act shall be prepared by the city treasurer of Hartford, and shall be issued by him from time to time in such amounts as the Park Commission shall require. Such bonds shall in no case be sold or disposed of for less than par, and the avails of such as shall be issued shall be kept by the city treasurer as a special fund, subject to the order of the Park Commission, and shall be paid by him only on such orders.

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APPENDIX B.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF HARTFORD.

MEETINGS.

There shall be regular meetings of the Commissioners on the first Monday in each month, and as many adjourned or special meetings as may be necessary.

The President shall have power to call a special meeting of the Commissioners whenever in his judgment it may be expedient, and he shall also call a special meeting upon the request in writing of four members of the Board.

At all special meetings no other business shall be transacted (unless by unanimous consent of the members present) than such as shall have been stated as the object of the meeting in the notice sent out.

Any business may be transacted at any meeting which shall have been continued from the regular monthly meeting by adjournment. The Secretary shall send by post written notices of all regular, adjourned, and special meetings to each Commissioner at least 24 hours before holding the same, and in the case of special meetings a brief statement of its object shall be added.

OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at all meetings when present, except as otherwise provided in the charter. He shall name the members of all committees unless otherwise ordered by the Board, and may at his discretion act with any committee whenever his advice or assistance may be needed.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings whenever the President is not present, except as otherwise provided in the charter. And in the absence of the President he shall discharge all the duties which are usual and proper for the President of the Board.

The Secretary shall keep accurate records and books of account, and prepare annually a full and detailed report and statement of all the acts and doings of the Board, together with an itemized

account of all receipts and disbursements of money. He shall also prepare all papers and reports for the meetings of the Board, and for Committees. He shall receive and conduct the correspondence of the Board; issue all official notices, and perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.

He shall preserve and keep record of all reports, maps, books, or documents which may be owned or purchased by or presented to the Board, and shall exchange annual reports of public documents with other boards or institutions.

He shall receive from the City Treasurer from time to time out of the appropriation the money needed to meet the obligations of the Board, and disburse the same, taking proper vouchers therefor.

He shall make to the Board each month a statement of the receipts and disbursements for the month past, and in the proper keeping of his books of account and records be subject to the directions of the Finance Committee.

The following standing Committees shall be appointed :

1. A Committee of four on Finance.
2. A Committee of three on Employment.
3. A Committee on the Care and Management of Existing Parks.
4. A Committee on the Improvement of Parks and the Extension of the Park System.
5. An Auditing Committee of Two.

First—The Committee on Finance shall have charge of all bills and accounts against the Board, and shall examine and approve the same before payment is made. All warrants drawn upon the City Treasurer shall be signed by three members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

They shall supervise and make frequent examinations of the books and records of the secretary, and direct him in the proper keeping of the same.

Second—The Committee on Employment shall receive and consider applications from all persons desiring to enter the service of the Park Commission (except in the case of salaried officers, or those whose appointment is authorized by the Board). They shall require the applicant to state in writing all the particulars concerning himself which they may deem necessary to judge of his character, fitness, and skill to properly perform the duty of the position for which he is a candidate. And they shall make such investigations as may satisfy them of the truth of these statements. The name of such ap-

plicant shall, if he be found fit, be placed on a list, and whenever any vacancy occurs the committee may select one from the number; they shall, however, make no appointment unless they are satisfied that the public service requires it. The committee shall have power to fix the compensation of all employees whose wages do not exceed \$50 per month.

Third—The Committee on the Care and Management of Existing Parks shall have the direction and control of them and of all persons employed upon them. Any extensive alterations or improvements shall, however, be submitted to the Board for its approval.

Fourth—The Committee on Improvement of Parks and the Extension of the Park System shall prepare a scheme for the layout and improvement of Pope Park and other parks and connecting parkways, wherever it may seem to the Committee to be advisable, and they shall have power to employ competent landscape architects and engineers to assist them. Such schemes must be submitted, with all necessary plans and surveys, to the Board for its action before adoption.

Fifth—The Auditing Committee shall once in three months examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and compare the vouches therewith, and also certify to the correctness of his annual statement; they shall have each year a detailed inventory made of all movable property belonging to the commission.

These by-laws may be amended or appealed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given in the call for the meeting.

Adopted, May 3, 1895.

APPENDIX C.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board of Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in them, hereby make and ordain the following rules and regulations for the managements of the parks of the city of Hartford. Any person who shall violate any of the following rules and regulations, "shall forfeit and pay for the use of the city treasury a fine not exceeding thirty-five dollars."

It is forbidden:—1. To enter or leave any park, except by the regular approaches thereto; to walk upon any border, or to cross any lawn, except in such place as is or shall have been set apart as common; or unless it be on public occasions, when the use of the park, for the purpose of assembly, shall have been granted by the Commissioners.

2. To climb or get upon any tree, statue, fence, railing, or other structure, in any park.

3. To cut, write upon, deface, defile, or otherwise injure, any building, bridge, fence, statue, fountain, seat, or other structure, upon any park.

4. To permit any animal to pass over, or stray upon, any park area; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to dogs, when led by a cord or chain not exceeding six feet in length.

5. To cut, break, or otherwise injure, any tree or shrub, or any part thereof; to cut, pluck, or otherwise remove, any blossom or other part of any plant or flower in any park.

6. To throw, sport with, or carry on, to, or about, any stick, stone, lump, or other missile on any park.

7. To scatter or leave upon any park any paper, rag, garbage, or other litter.

8. To avoid any urine, dung, or other excrement, within the limits of any park; excepting in such place or apartment as is, or shall be, specially provided for such purpose; and in the latter case, it is forbidden to use or enter any apartment established for persons of the opposite sex exclusively.

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9. To exhibit any signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices ; to play any games of chance ; to make any fire ; to have any intoxicating beverage ; to play any musical instrument ; to solicit any money or subscriptions ; to make any speech or harangue ; to follow or annoy any other visitor, on any park.

10 To drive or propel any vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, wheelbarrow, or hand-cart, on any park, excepting on regular carriage roads ; to skate or slide upon or cross any walk upon any park ; or to slide or coast on any driveway.

11. To ride or drive any horse or team at a rate faster than eight miles an hour ; to drive any heavy team, cart, public carriage without passengers, or wagon whatsoever, upon any park driveway or carriageway (excepting upon park business) on any park.

12. To take any bird or bird's nest, any fish, frog, turtle, or other live animal of a wild nature, from any park.

13. To sleep or lie upon or overturn any seat upon any park.

14 To deface or injure any notice placed by the Park Commissioners upon any park ; or to deface or injure this placard

The foregoing are in addition to such prohibitions and penalties as are provided by the laws of this state and the ordinances of this city.

Hartford, September 30, 1895.

Board of Park Commissioners,

By FRANCIS GOODWIN, *President*.

Attest : SHERMAN W. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

Board of Aldermen, City of Hartford, November 25, 1895.

Approved, November 26, 1895.

LEVERETT BRAINARD, *Mayor*.

Attest : HENRY F. SMITH, *City Clerk*.

APPENDIX D.

PARKS AND PARK-AREAS.

Names or Locations.	Number of Acres.	When Laid Out or Opened.
1 Buckingham Square	0.323	{ 1828, as a "Public Square." In part improved by adjoining residents.
2 Bushnell Park	41.270	{ 1854. [Exclusive of "Capitol Grounds." so called; 14,440 acres.]
3 Cor. Asylum av. and Sigourney st. }	0.927	{ About 187-. Cared for by adjoining residents.
4 Franklin and Maple avs. }	0.204	{ About 1870; enclosed as Park in 1876.
5 Elizabeth Park	93. ?	{ 1896; part on each side of Prospect av.
6 Pope Park	89.047	{ 1895; part each side Park st.; 18.097 acres N. of Park st.; 70.050 S. of Park st.
7 Retreat and Maple avs. }	0.119	{ 1854; purchased from Wm. Isham.
8 Riverside Park	68.000	{ 1895; Right bank Conn. River, formerly in North Meadow.
9 Sigourney Park	2.850	{ 1895; transferred from town of Hartford
10 South Green	1.710	{ An old town common; first <i>enclosed</i> 1816
11 South (unnamed) Park }	200.00	{ 1895; E. of Maple av. and S. of South st.
12 Tunnel Park	.652	{ Held by lease since 1874; owned by "Consolidated" and "New England" R. Rs.
13 Washington and Lafayette sts. }	0.627	{ 1882; partly from <i>old</i> Lafayette (now Washington) street?
14 Windsor and Village sts. }	0.167	{ About 1826; enclosed in 1870.
Total, . . .	498 896	Acres, or about 500.

LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, ETC.

[Our Charter, or Act "Amending the Charter of the City of Hartford," passed March 21, 1895, and an Amendment thereto, passed April 24, 1895, were printed in our Thirty-Sixth Annual Report, and are not repeated here. They are also to be found on pages 67 and 207 of the Special Acts and Resolutions of that year.]

GENERAL STATUTES, 1888.

SEC. 1425. Every person who shall injure or destroy any tree growing on any *public square or grounds*, without the consent of the city, borough, or town where the same is situated, or shall willfully injure the fences or herbage of any such public square or grounds, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 1426. Every person who shall wilfully injure any statue, monument, chair, or other seat, or any lamp or lamp-post, constructed or being in any *highway, public space, or park*; or any railing or fence erected for public use, or inclosing any such space or park; or any walk or crossing for foot passengers; or any sewer, curbing, or paved gutter, shall be fined not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not less than seven, nor more than thirty days, or both.

ACT OF 1895, CH. LXVIII.

[This Act simply erases the words, "less than ten, nor," and the words, "less than seven, nor," from the Section 1426, quoted above.]

GENERAL STATUTES.

SEC. 132. Any town may lay out, inclose, and improve any lands belonging to it, not in any incorporated city, for a public square or common; and may purchase any land within its limits for that purpose.

ACT OF 1897, CH. LII.

SECTION 1. No barbed wire shall be used in the construction of fences, or retained upon existing fences, connected with or enclosing the grounds of any public school, or other public building, *public park*, or cemetery in this state.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

APPENDIX E.

OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 2, 1898.

President,

HON. PATRICK GARVAN.

Vice-President,

LUCIUS F. ROBINSON.

Secretary,

FRANKLIN G. WHITMORE.

FORMER PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The following is nearly correct list of the actual terms of service of each of the Park Commissioners. But as there were some resignations, and deaths in office, and some appointments for filling unexpired or short terms, it is difficult to determine, precisely, the periods actually served by each.

*William L. Collins, 1860 to 1865; *President*.

George Beach, 1860 to 1864; 1866 to 1869; *President*.

James L. Howard, 1860 to 1863; 1865 to 1867; *President*.

Gurdon W. Russell, 1860 to 1862; 1880 and still in office.

*Charles F. Pond, 1860-1861.

*Gustavus F. Davis, 1860-1861.

*H. Tudor Brownell, 1861 to 1865.

*Charles H. Northam, 1862.

*Edward H. Brinley, 1863 to 1864.

*James C. Jackson, 1863 to 1868.

*Thomas Belknap, 1864 to 1868.

*George S. Lincoln, 1865 to 1870.

Samuel V. Woodruff, 1866 to 1871.

*Alpheus F. Snow, 1867 to 1871.

*Normand Smith, 1869 to 1873.

*Frederick S. Brown, 1870 to 1881; *President*.

*Edward H. Fenn, 1872 to 1881.

Leverett Brainard, 1872 to 1876.

Charles Dudley Warner, 1873 to 1883; 1897 to—

Abraham Hollander, 1874 to 1879.

*Stiles D. Sperry, 1877 to 1882.

*Richard D. Hubbard, 1879 to 1883.

*Samuel R. McNary, 1880 to 1883; *President*.

Francis Goodwin, 1880 to the present time; *President*.

Frank L. Howard, 1883 to 1888.

Sherman W. Adams, 1884 to 1896; *President*.

John H. Brocklesby, 1884 to 1889.

*Joseph Hall, 1889 to 1894.

Edwin P. Parker, 1893 to 1896.

William DeLoss Love, Jr. 1894 to the present time.

Leverett Brainard, *ex officio* 1895 to 1896.

Charles E. Gross, 1895, still in office; *President*.

Willis I. Twitchell, 1895, " "

Lucius F. Robinson, 1895, " "

George H. Day, 1895, " "

Patrick Garvan, 1895, " "

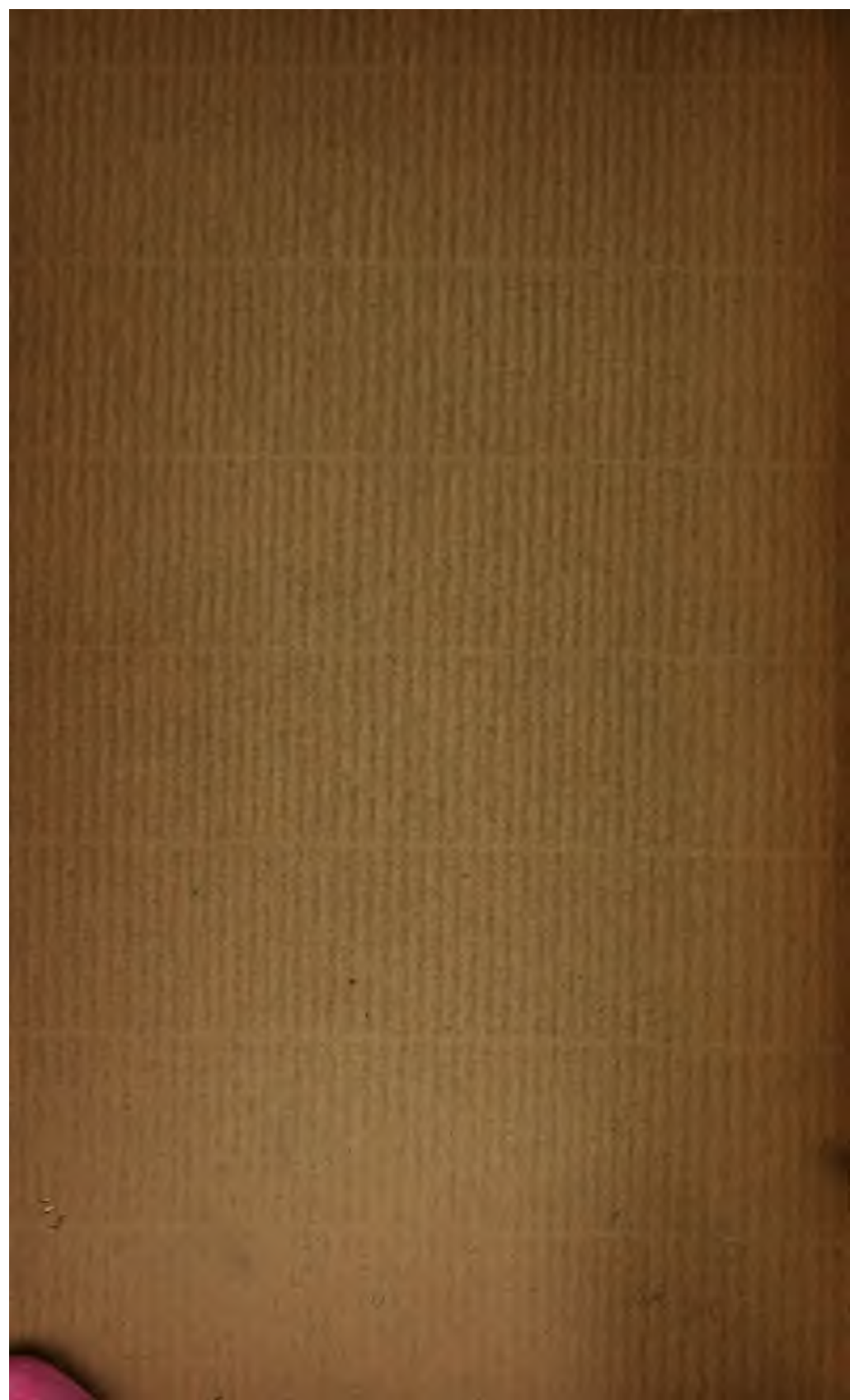
Miles B. Preston, 1896, *ex officio*, still in office.

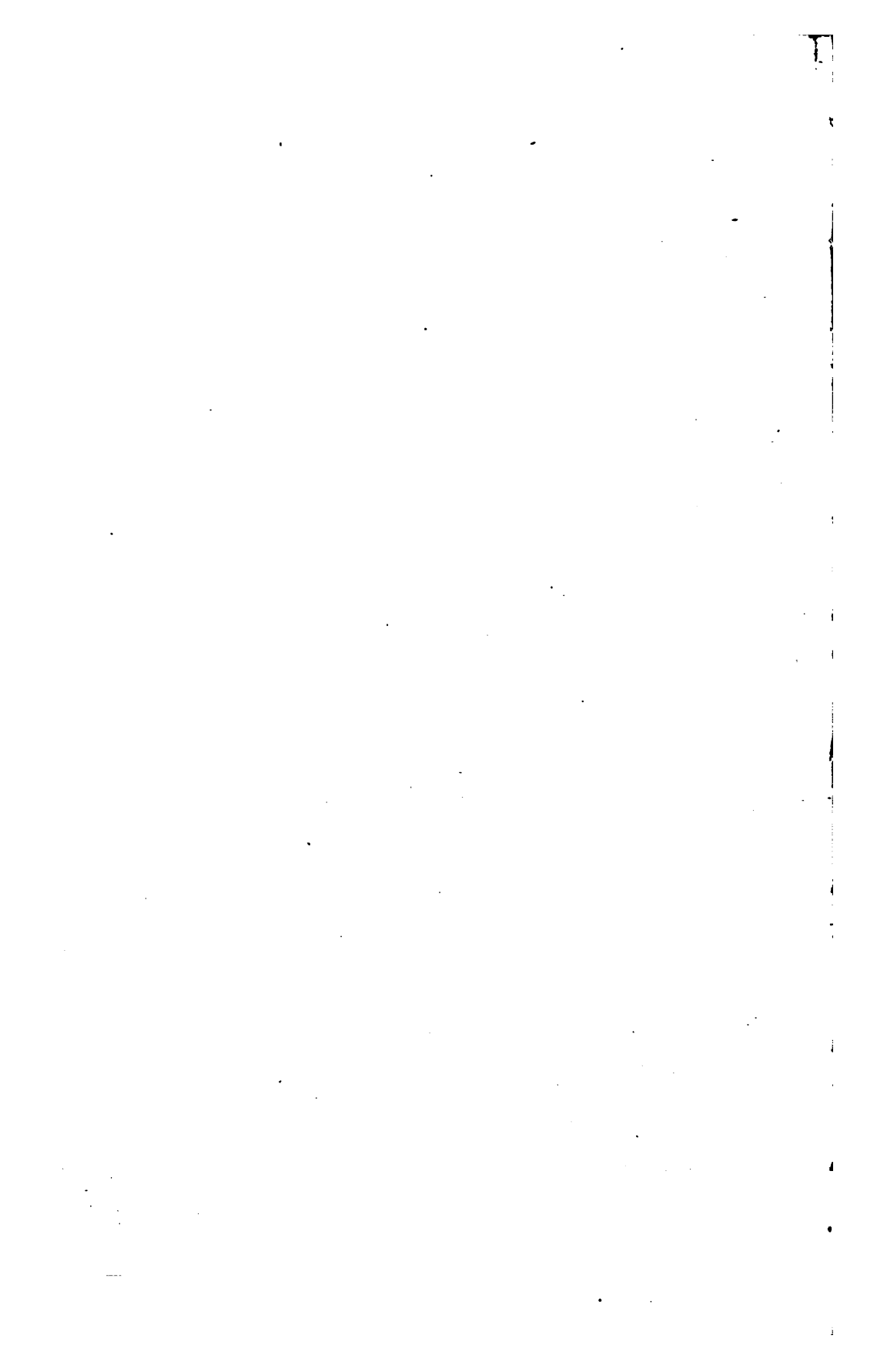
*James F. Dudley, 1896 to 1897.

George A. Fairfield, 1898 to 1908.

Charles Dudley Warner, 1897 to—

*Deceased.







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